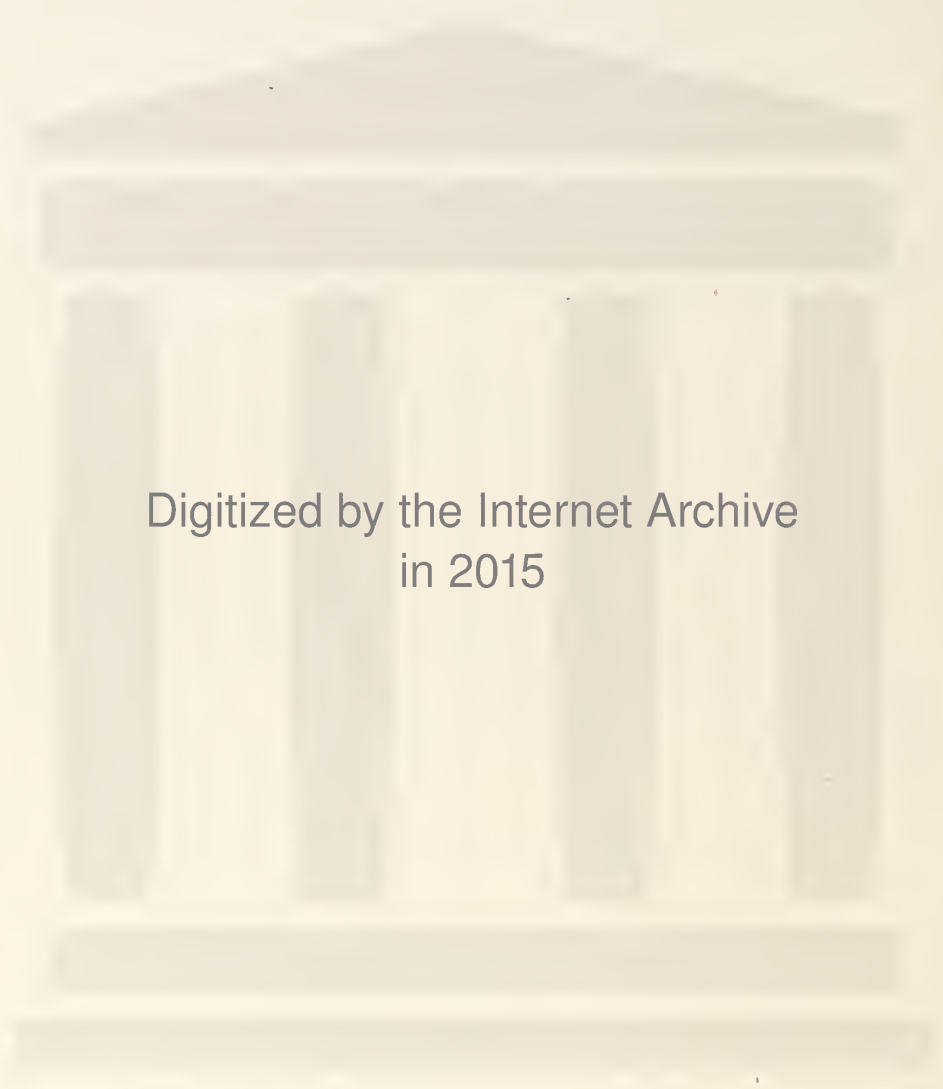


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DEDICAT.

John Amphlett of Clent was born 22 March 1845 and died 23 June 1918. He was the seventh John Amphlett of Clent in succession—every one of them the eldest son of his father. With such ancestry he was naturally a very Worcestershire man and went to Bromsgrove School and Worcester College, Oxford. On being called to the Bar he joined the Oxford circuit, and at one time had a considerable practice, being much in demand for cases involving manorial law, of which he had a profound knowledge. He did his full share of public work as a Justice of the Peace and a member from their beginning of the Parish, District and County Councils.

But it is with his work as a Worcestershire antiquarian that we are chiefly concerned. He was always interested in local records and took a leading part in the foundation of the Worcestershire Historical Society. For 15 years he was its editor and the chief contributor to its publications, not excepting even Mr. Willis Bund.

His industry was amazing and no drudgery seems to have daunted him. He made an index of every person, place and illustration in Nash's *Worcestershire*. With the help of the Rev. T. P. Wadley and Mr. Wickham King he sorted and made a list of all the Bishop's Transcripts of Parish Registers from 1599 to 1700. On the death of Mr. Grazebrook, the author of the *Heraldry of Worcestershire*, he took care that his

genealogical notes should be bought for the County Historical Library, and himself arranged them for binding.

One of his relaxations was Botany, which he studied with his usual enthusiasm and thoroughness, and another was "Church-hunting," the name that he gave to his expeditions with the late Lord Cobham to see Worcestershire churches. They visited them all and he made notes of everything of interest in their architecture and belongings. He also kept a diary in which he put down all his doings, the people he met, the meetings he went to and what was done at them. Seeing what changes there were during his life and how much things are still changing, this record, by a man who was taking an active part in public affairs, will be of extraordinary interest in time to come.

His Worcestershire publications were :—

Worcestershire Historical Society—

Habingdon's Survey. 7 parts.	1893—9.
Lay Subsidy Rolls. 6 parts.	1893—1902.
Index to Nash's "Worcestershire." 2 parts.	1894-5.
Kyre Park Charters.	1905.
Index to Worcestershire Fines. 2 parts.	1896-7.
Churchwardens' Accounts of St. Michael in Bedwardine (<i>with</i> A. S. Porter).	1896
Hales Court Rolls (<i>assisted by</i> S. G. Hamilton). 2 parts.	1910-11.

Victoria County History. The Section on Flowering Plants.

The Botany of Worcestershire. By J. A. and Carleton Rea. (Cornish, Birmingham.)	1909.
Index to Bishops' Transcripts, 1599—1700. By J. A. and T. P. Wadley, <i>assisted by</i> W. W. King. In "A Digest of Parish Registers within the Diocese of Worcester." (Midland Educa- tional Co., Birmingham.)	1899.
A Short History of Clent. (Parker and Co., London.)	1890.

Only those who have transcribed old records and made indexes can appreciate the labour that went into these volumes.

He was also the prime mover in the starting of a Worcestershire Historical Library.*

I have put these few facts on record and dedicated this volume to his memory because I would do honour to one who by his life and labours served his own generation and those that come after.

R. A. W.

* When the collections of Sir Thomas Phillipps were being dispersed, Mr. Amphlett and the Rev. J. Bowstead Wilson raised a fund to buy a large quantity of Worcestershire MSS. to form the nucleus of a County Library. From time to time Mr. Amphlett added to it—notably the Grazebrook pedigrees and genealogical notes mentioned above—until the fund was exhausted. The Collection is now in a bookcase at the Shire Hall, and Mr. Matley Moore is Librarian. The Phillipps papers are chiefly drafts of conveyances, leases, wills, instructions to counsel, etc., and there is little of general interest among them, so far as can be seen from a casual examination

PREFACE

MORE than 20 years ago Mr. John Amphlett, assisted by Mr. S. G. Hamilton, edited for the Society what were thought to be all the existing rolls for the years 1270 to 1307.

After the fire at Hagley Hall on Christmas Eve, 1925, Lord Cobham sent his manuscripts to the Birmingham Reference Library, for safer custody, and in the sorting of them 11 more rolls were found. These fill in several, but not all, of the gaps in the series.

Mr. Amphlett, who had both local and legal knowledge, wrote a most comprehensive introduction, which will repay reading, and I should not have thought it necessary to write another for these additional rolls were it not that his may not be readily accessible to all into whose hands this volume comes.

With a view to the introduction I entered in a note-book everything likely to be useful, and from this I have made an index of matters, which I hope may be a help to students of any particular aspect of manorial affairs as well as to those who want to get a general idea of the contents of the rolls.

I have also made a Glossary, and have not limited it strictly to words that are unfamiliar or unusual in form or meaning, because I hope that others besides experts and Latin scholars may wish to read the book.

There are several acknowledgments to be made. The thanks of the Society are due to Lord Cobham and the authorities of the Birmingham Reference Library, for permission to print the rolls and for letting me have them here for transcription; and I am under a special obligation to Mr. H. M. Cashmore, the City Librarian, for his kindness and helpfulness.

That there are no mistakes in the printed text is unlikely, but there are many less than there would have been if Mr. W. Fowler Carter had not been at the pains to compare my MS. with the original. It is difficult to thank him sufficiently for all the work and trouble this involved. In fairness to him I ought to say that the responsibility for mistakes is wholly mine, for when we thought differently, the editor had the last word. I also wish to thank Miss Gladys Taylor, who helped him by reading the transcript while he took the original.

And last but not least, to Mr. F. T. S. Houghton. I have turned to him for advice and information about all sorts of things, and he has spared himself no trouble to give me what I required.

It remains that I should apologise to the Society for the tardy appearance of this volume. It should have been out in 1931 or 1932, and the transcript was finished early in 1930. But then I had to give up all such work, and it was some time before I could resume it.

R. A. WILSON.

Witley Rectory,
Michaelmas, 1933.

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The Rolls.

The Hales Rolls are an unusually good series. They begin in 1270 and go on to 1307 with only one serious gap, between 1282 and 1293. When the keeping of rolls began is not known. The earliest in the Public Record Office is only 12 years older than the first of the Hales rolls, and the earliest known, one of the Abbey of Bec, is but 24 years older.¹ The first ones do not read like a beginner's attempt at the minutes of the meeting, but if the keeping of rolls had been going on for a long time, it is strange that none earlier than the middle of the 13th century should have survived. And the same is true of other records of a continuous nature, with the exception of a few "Government" rolls.² It is difficult to believe that no records were made, but, if they were, the keeping of them must have been so haphazard and unorganized that we should be justified in saying that in England Record-keeping was a growth of the 13th century.³

I would draw attention to their early date for another reason. We do not find everything in them as it would have been afterwards. Time brings changes, and many terms had not crystallized into their later exact usage, so that Court Keeper's Manuals and Law and other Dictionaries may sometimes be misleading guides.

As to the Latin used by the clerks. It is often quite as bad as any we ever wrote when we were young; and there was no one to look it over and correct the mistakes. Nor have I presumed to do so. Unless the sense is seriously affected by errors or omissions I have not drawn attention to them.⁴

And their Latin is very much abbreviated. Few words are written at full length, and sometimes one letter and a contraction mark is all that is given. Phrases also are reduced to one or two contracted words. Interpretation is not always easy. Things which come again and again

¹ Mr. Amphlett mentions a roll of 1239, "but it is not now in existence" (xviii).

² Pipe, 31 H. I; Plea, Ric. I; Close and Patent, John. Of Bishop's Registers the earliest are Lincoln 1209 and York 1225. Ours begin 1268, only two years before the Hales rolls.

³ It is noticeable that whereas Pleas of Land and Writs are of frequent occurrence up to 1280, they then almost cease, because, I suppose, the matter could usually be settled by inspection of the rolls. 146 and Index of Matters.

⁴ Those interested in the forms of letters may like to know that a capital T made by doubling a small t occurs in the first roll of Mr. Amphlett's series, Court 11, second *essoin*. Capital F is of course never formed in any other way.

usually solve themselves, but those which do not have to wait on chance or remain unsolved¹.

The Manor.

NATURE AND ORIGIN. The manor was the unit of the Feudal system. It was a division of territory, a piece of property and a self managing community taking its place in the national life. The theory of the middle ages was that it originated in a grant from the King to a tenant in chief, who in return undertook to provide the proper quota of men-at-arms and foot soldiers and other services.

The greater barons granted portions to others of less degree to be held of themselves on the same sort of terms as they held of the King. And these again often split off parts of their land and granted them to others, so that there were in some cases several mesne lords between the lord of a manor and the King.

This "subinfeudation" was found to diminish the services and profits which came through to the King for national purposes, and various statutes were passed in the reigns of Henry III, Edward I and III to regulate it. The statute *Quia Emptores* (18 E. I) ordained that in sales or grants of manors by a mesne lord the manor should be held not of him but of the chief lord. And another of Edward III, while confirming all grants made before Edward I, left all later ones open to the King's prerogative, which means that they might be annulled. It may therefore be assumed that all manors are as old as the time of Edward III and nearly all existed before Edward I.

This theory of origin by a grant from the King fitted the facts as men saw them, but there is little doubt that the true origin was a settlement of the land by free communities, which soon found it convenient to have a lord. Our Anglo-Saxon ancestors were not a ruler-ridden people, and, when the manor took to itself a lord, they saw to it that he should be as much bound by the custom of the manor as any other man. Never at any time was the lord of the English manor an uncontrolled despot. In France it was otherwise, but in England he was held in check by the paramount authority of the King and his courts.²

¹ *E.g.*, An essoin which a man sent by his son is rejected *quia f. heres e'* (103). I put *filius heres est* in the text, though I saw no sense in it. Long afterwards, when looking up essoins in Mr. Amphlett's introduction, I noticed the rejection of an essoin sent by a son on the ground that the son owed suit on his own account. Here was the clue. The son was an heir (to someone else) and owed suit for his inheritance, and so could not essoin his father. A. xxviii and 171 n.

² See mandate from the King to the Abbot to do justice in a matter of dower. 20.

LAY OUT. If we could go back some fourteen hundred years and watch a company of our forefathers, with their wives and families and the flocks and herds plundered from the Britons, taking possession of the ground they had chosen for their future home and laying it out, it would be very interesting, but we must content ourselves with picturing the typical lay out of a manor.

The church, the lord's hall and the village would be somewhere near the middle. Each house had its little curtilage, and the lord's demesne usually adjoined his house.

ARABLE. There had to be enough arable to grow the corn and pulse required by the community, and this was divided into three fields, sometimes only two. These fields were subdivided into a sufficient number of strips to give each tenant a yardland. The acreage of the yardland varied. I have met with one of $14\frac{1}{2}$ acres only, and with one of as many as 52. The area was according to the productiveness of the soil, and would be what was sufficient to maintain a man and his family. A yardland might consist of as many as 70 or 80 strips. The standard strip was a furlong in length and a pole or ox-goad in width, so that four went to the acre, but the actual dimensions depended on the lie of the land, and in some places half acre strips are more usual than quarter acre.

The reason for this multitude of strips was partly that everyone's land might be as nearly as possible of the same quality—no one got all his holding on either the best or the worst land—and partly that everyone might have his portion in the ground where each of the various crops were being grown. The strip system sounds complicated, but it was a very good one for co-operative farming.

The strips went in all sorts of directions according to the lie of the land. On a hill side they always ploughed along it rather than up or down, and this accounts for the terracing one sometimes sees, for they ploughed one way only, always turning the sod down hill, and then took the plough back idle; so that at every ploughing a sod was piled upon the bottom balk of each strip, and a sod was taken from below the top one.¹

In ploughing time there would be a muster of all the ploughs of the manor or township, each drawn by two or more oxen according to the nature of the soil and the lie of the ground. They would be going in all directions, and in this would contrast with a ploughing match, the nearest resemblance to old time ploughing that we can see in these days. When one strip was done the plough would pass on to the next,

¹ For these "lynches" and an illustration of them see Seebohm's *Eng. Village Community*, p. 5. His maps give an excellent idea of the arrangement of the strips.

leaving a foot or so of unploughed turf, called a balk, to mark the division. When the plough had ploughed the harrow would follow on the same lines, and the rest of their operations were done on the same co-operative plan.

MEADOW. The best ground for growing hay was taken for meadow, the quantity depending on the needs of the community.

PASTURE. The pasture varied both in quantity and quality in different manors, and the flocks and herds had to be limited according to what it would carry. It was not assigned to individuals, and each tenant had common of pasture for so many animals according to the size of his holding.

WOODLAND. If there were woodlands they were useful to supply timber for building and repairs, and for firewood and fencing, as well as for pannage or feeding of swine in acorn or beech-mast time. If there were coppices the custom of the manor settled how often they were cut down and what use of them the tenants should have.

WASTE. There remains the lord's waste, from which portions could be assarted or cleared for cultivation as the growing community needed more land. It would usually be rough pasture, and no one might encroach on it without the lord's leave.

MILL. And there was the lord's mill, at which the tenants had to grind their corn, giving "multure" (a percentage) for the grinding of it.

At an inquiry held in 1276 by the Sheriff of Salop into the complaints of the tenants of Hales it was found that in the time of King John the tenants were wont to grind their corn where they pleased because the King had no mill within the manor.¹ Several mills are mentioned in these rolls, and there is reasonable evidence that three of them were the lord's.² He was certainly enforcing the grinding of corn at his mill on some of the tenants.³

The Manor of Hales.

We are not concerned with its descent till 1204, when it lapsed to King John by the death of his aunt Emma, widow of David ap Owen, Prince of Wales. Ten years later the king granted it to Peter des Roches, bishop of Winchester, who founded there a Premonstratensian Abbey with the manor and church as its chief endowment.

¹ Nash, 512.

² Briddes, 128; Notwyk, 76, 156, and Oldbury, 128, 131. The others were Dalby 143, and Nic. Aleyn's, which was possibly in Frankley, 14.

³ 67, 68, 71, 115.

On the dissolution Henry VIII granted it to Sir John Dudley, afterwards duke of Northumberland, and at one time it was settled by Robert Dudley, earl of Leicester, on his wife Amy Robsart. The trustees sold it in 1558 to John Lyttelton, from whom it has descended to Lord Cobham.

THE ABBEY. The Premonstratensians were founded by St. Norbert in 1119 at Prémontré, near Laon. The Abbot of Prémontré was head of the order and had the right to visit all the subject houses, to summon their superiors to a yearly General Chapter and to make levies for expenses of the organization. Afterwards, in 1512, all the English houses, of which there were 30 of men and 2 of women, were put under Welbeck. They were not strictly speaking monks but Canons Regular, living together in the same way as monks. They wore white, and were sometimes called "White Canons," in contrast to the Augustinians, who had a black cassock, cloak and cap. A canon of the Abbey was, unlike a monk, allowed to hold the vicarage of the parish church.

The income of the Abbey as given in Taxatio (1291) was £61 18s. 10d., made up of the manor £19 3s. 10d., the church with the vicarage consolidated to it £26 13s. 4d., the church of Walsall (appropriated to the Abbey) £12, and land at Bromwich and Walsall £3 11s. 8d. At the Valor of 1535 the manor had risen to £133 18s. 7½d., and, as there was then quite a long list of properties and appropriations, the clear annual income amounted to £280 13s. 2½d.

HALES. Hales was a large manor, eight miles long and about two and a half at its greatest width. Though in the diocese of Worcester it was in the county of Salop surrounded by Stafford and Worcester, and mixed up with the latter almost like a jig-saw puzzle around Langley, Warley and Ridgeacre.

TOWNSHIPS AND DIVISIONS. It included the Townships of Oldbury, Walloxhall,¹ Warley, Cakemore, Hill, Ridgeacre, Lapal, Illey, Hawn, Hasbury, Hamstead,² Hunnington and Romsley. Each of these would have its own field system, and Romsley had its own court, but was not thereby excused from all suit to the court of Hales.³ For

¹ Walloxhall was in what is now Oldbury and Langley.

² Hamstead was the northern end of Hunnington where Halesowen Grange is. They seem to have been a joint township for most purposes. Mr. Amphlett does not allow either Walloxhall or Hamstead the status of a township (viii-ix).

³ 41.

some administrative purposes it was divided into "this side Stour" (the S.W. portion) and "beyond Stour" (the N.E. portion). A reeve and two ale-tasters were elected for each division. The clerk sometimes alters the labels, putting as "citra" places which are usually "ultra," and *vice versa*.¹

WHERE THE COURT WAS HELD. Mr. Amphlett, discussing the place where the court was held, says that it is only mentioned once, and that is when it was held at Beudesport, a place in Cakemore now unknown.² A reasonable inference from the general use of "citra" is that the usual venue was Hales; but if it sometimes changed to the other side of the stream "citra" would naturally become "ultra." A mistake on the part of the clerk is however a much more likely explanation.

The people of the Manor.

THE VILLEIN. The people of the Manor were partly Freemen and partly Villeins or Natives. Vinogradoff says that in the 13th century the majority of peasants are villains.³ How villeinage arose and to what extent the villein can be called a slave is not clear. There seems no proof of a time when he did not have recognized rights; and by the 13th century his circumstances were not very different from those of a freeholder of the same amount of land. He had legal redress against all men except the lord, against him he had none. He held his land at the will of the lord, paying for it by services (day's works), and in theory had no money or chattels of his own. Unless he could prove an agreement with the lord he could get no redress against him in the King's courts except for personal injury.⁴

In course of time the distinction between free and villein grew less and less. Manumissions were given and the old day's works changed into fixed rents in money. So that by the middle of the 16th century there were none but free men in England. It was not, however, till 1661 that the possibility of villeinage was abolished by Act of Parliament.

RENTS AND SERVICES. A remarkable thing about rents is their smallness in comparison with the heriot (best beast or chattel) on the death of a tenant and the fine on entry of his successor. Even when

¹ 49, 58, 75-6.

² xxiv.

³ *Villainage in England*, p. 44. Hone (*Manor and Manorial Records*) says that it has been estimated that in 1300 (which comes within the period of these rolls) more than two-thirds of the people of England were villeins.

⁴ *V. in E.*, Chap. II.

all services had been commuted into rent, the rent-roll must have been a minor part of the lord's income. Other sources of income were the demesne and profits of lordship, such as wards, reliefs, fines and perquisites of court and estrays.

In after times when leasehold came in it was to the large fine or lump sum payment for the lease rather than to the annual rent that the landlord looked for his chief profit. A rent representing the full annual value is quite a modern invention.

We have a record of the rents and services in the sub-manor of Romsley, for the tenants were summoned to a court in July 1301 to do fealty and acknowledge their rents and services.¹ Unfortunately there is no record of the size of their holdings, but it may be assumed that some had at least a yardland.²

The smallest rent is 4*d.* and the largest 3*s.* 6*d.* One of the 4*d.* men did a day's work harvesting and had one meal from the lord's table on that day. The other did no service, but for common of pasture in Offmoor gave 1 lb. of cummin.

Thos. le Esquier besides paying 3*s.* 6*d.* rent did 3 day's ploughing and 3 harrowing and 3 harvesting at his own table, and had to mow the same as his neighbours. That is the maximum of services.

Another man whose rent was 16*d.* did 2 days ploughing, 2 days harvesting and 1 day mowing "at the table of the lord," or paid 2*d.* instead. Another whose rent was 2*s.* 4*d.* did 2 days ploughing, 2 harrowing, 4 harvesting and paid ½*d.* instead of mowing. One man's services included a day collecting nuts.

If we had a record of a similar court 300 years later, we should find nearly all the services gone and the rents increased by perhaps as many pence as there had been days' works.

In another list on p. 115 the rents are higher, ranging from 2*d.* and 2 suits of court from the smith, who would have no agricultural land, to as much as 11*s.* 2*d.* and one suit. These are all free men, most of the Romsley tenants are villeins.

TRADESMEN. Besides the agriculturalists, the community needed tradesmen. There are smiths, carpenters, masons, plasterers, tailors, shoemakers, bakers and the like, and in some places fishers, fowlers, woodmen and boatmen. These appear in Domesday as bordars, *i.e.*, cottagers without responsibility for land, like the smith in the last paragraph.

¹ 179.

² The inquest held by the sheriff in 1276 found that tenants paid 40*d.* rent for a yardland. (Nash, 512.)

The Officers of the Manor.

Some were appointed by the lord and some elected by the men of the manor. The lord appointed the Steward—in this case the Cellarer—the Bailiffs and Beadles, and presumably the Warrener. The bailiff was summoner of the court¹ and executor of its judgments. He distrained,² collected levies,³ and delivered the steward's orders.⁴ The Beadle seems to have been the assistant of the bailiff. He takes possession of a tenement,⁵ and is forcibly deprived of a pledge handed on to him by the bailiff.⁶

The Reeve was elected to direct and oversee the agricultural work of the tenants and was supposed to be the best husbandman amongst them. There were two reeves, one for each side Stour, and possibly a third, for in 1276 all the men of the manor were in mercy because they refused to elect a reeve for the abbot's work.⁷ Those elected, after being approved by the Cellarer, were sworn in.⁸ The office was not regarded as a prize. Henry of Hunnington, one of the elect of 1278, protested that his status entitled him to exemption (he claimed a more or less independent lordship),⁹ and Thomas of Langley gave 20s. to be quit of it.¹⁰

There was like unwillingness to take the office of Woodward. Richard le Coc, though elected, did not do his office, nor did William Alfret.¹¹

A third elective office was that of Warden of the Assize or Ale-taster.¹² There were two for each side Stour, and they had to see that the Assize of Bread and Ale was kept, and present all breaches of it to the court. The bakers seem to have been a blameless lot, but not so the brewers. It is seldom that the tasters can report "The Assize is well kept."

There is no record of a man refusing the office of Ale-taster.

THE ASSIZE OF BREAD AND ALE (1266) makes the price depend on the price of grain. When wheat is from 3s. to 3s. 4d. a quarter, barley from 1s. 8d. to 2s. and oats at 1s. 3d., ale can well be sold at 2 gallons a penny in towns and 3 gallons outside. When the price is 3 gallons a penny in towns it should be 4 outside. For the first 3 offences a fine, after that the tumbrel or flogging. Six lawful men shall collect all the measures of the town, bushels, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ bushels,

¹ 6, 10, 73.

² 54, 62.

³ 133.

⁴ 53. On 82 the bailiffs give leave for the sale of land, not presumably by their own authority.

⁵ 99.

⁶ 54.

⁷ 5.

⁸ 65, 117, 129; 49, 52.

⁹ 49 and A., 1—lii.

¹⁰ 68, 73.

¹¹ 84, 75.

¹² 117, 129.

gallons, pottels, and quarts, both from taverns and others, and all weights. Afterwards 12 lawful men shall answer the questions put to them on the part of the King (by the justices), and the bailiffs shall have the brewers and their measures there. The questions are about the price of grain, whether the assize has been kept, and if not what brewers have sold contrary to it. For each offence they shall be fined or suffer the pillory or tumbril. Also if any have bought by one measure and sold by another. Also if any use false measures. When barley is 2s. a quarter, ale should be 4 gallons a penny, when 2s. 6d. 7 gallons for 2d., when 3s. 3 gallons a penny, and so on.

Short weight seems to be the offence chiefly expected of bakers. Their penalties are similar, except that if the weight is below a certain shortness there is no option of a fine. Brewing "small," the most common offence, is not mentioned in this statute, no doubt it was provided against by earlier ones.¹

The Manor Court.

The Abbot was lord of the manor, the Cellarer was steward and kept the courts, the clerk kept the rolls (*irrotulavit*). The bailiff summoned the suitors (*sectatores*) and all others who might be wanted, and when necessary compelled attendance by distraint or arrest. The beadle was the crier of the court and the bailiff's assistant.

Courts were held at intervals of about 3 or 4 weeks. The men of the manor (*homagium*) being assembled were sworn (*jurati*) and became the jury. All of them would be sworn only when a matter required the consideration of the whole court.² The most usual number was twelve.³

ESSOINS. The first business seems to have been the essoins (apologies for absence). The rules of essoin were exact. It must be brought by a proper person, not a woman or child⁴ or villein,⁵ or one who himself owed suit to the court.⁶ The person who brought it (*essoniator*) must say whether the principal had been summoned for an ordinary attendance (*de communi secta curie*)⁷ or for some special reason or reasons, and if the latter he must mention them all;⁸ otherwise the essoin was challenged (*calumpniatur*) and disallowed and the man was reckoned to have made default. Three essoins were allowed, and at the third the man must find pledges for his appearance next time.⁹

¹ See *The Statutes at Large*—Hawkins (1735), 24.

² 38.

³ 7, 14 and 18 are also found. 38, 78, 36.

⁴ 23.

⁵ 169.

⁶ A. xxviii.

⁷ 170.

⁸ 61, 67, 69, 70, 73, 87.

⁹ 65, 69. On 67 a pledge is demanded at the 2nd essoin.

When *optulit* or *warrantizavit*, and I think *affidavit* also, is written against an essoin it means that the principal appeared afterwards and guaranteed it.¹

And this raises the question, when were the rolls written? In court, as one business followed another, or afterwards? No one who has been responsible for a minute book will have any doubt how to answer.

At the GREAT COURTS,² which were held twice a year, usually in April and October, two representatives of each township had to attend and make presentments,³ and if any presentable offence or matter was concealed the township was fined.⁴ The elections of officers were made at the autumn great court.⁵

JURISDICTION. The manor court of Hales exercised no criminal jurisdiction. Its functions were of two kinds. All questions of tenancy of land and change of tenancy came before it, and all offences against law and custom were presented in it. Its business was to decide on the rights and wrongs of every such presentment, and the party in fault was said to be "in mercy" and liable to whatever fine the lord or his steward might impose. In these rolls there is no mention of "affecters," that is members of the court, usually two, appointed to assess the penalties. The maximum penalty inflicted was a fine, usually small but sometimes considerable. It might be as much as loss of tenement if the offender had laid himself open to it by pledging his tenement that he was not guilty.⁶

This does not mean that crime went unpunished. It went on to the Court Leet where there was one, and to the King's court if the offence was capital.

MORAL OFFENCES WENT TO THE CHURCH COURT. Nor did offences which were moral rather than criminal escape punishment. The church saw to them. For example: there are several mentions of "Lerwyte" in these rolls. It means fornication by a "nativa" or its correction. Such were fined, not, I think, so much because of the sin as because it lessened their value in the community. The sin was

¹ 32. *J. Burri summonitus essoniavit ii^o. Et dictus J. postea optulit se et warrantizavit essoniam*, and 46, *J. Borri warrantat essonias quas prius essoniaverat se ter in curia*. That the words are sometimes in different ink and manifest additions is strong confirmation. But, if the essoniator had nothing to do but bring a message, why did they mind who he was? *Affidavit* often does look like part of the entry, and possibly it does apply to the bringer.

² For the Great Court see A xxiii, 9 n. 3. The title "Great" does not appear in the Hales Rolls before 1293, but the thing had no doubt existed from time immemorial.

³ 112.

⁴ 89, 97.

⁵ Courts 61¹, 77¹, 134¹, 141,²

⁶ 141.

dealt with in the deanery court, as appears in the records of the Ruridecanal Court of Wych in the year 1300.¹ It met every three weeks and dealt with adultery, whoredom, incest, drunkenness, swearing, ribaldry, usury and such like. A few typical extracts will suffice: Fornication—Thomas of Bradley with Agnes daughter of Gilbert the smith. The man confessed and was flogged. The woman was suspended for contumacy, then excommunicated, but afterwards is reconciled and confesses and is flogged.

Henry of Frankley with Matilda Honderwode. The woman confessed and abjured her sin and was flogged once through the market-place. The man was suspended for contumacy and excommunicated.

Walter Peperwyt for the third time with Agnes of Malvern. It is pending before the bishop.

William of Home with Petronilla Blount. They appeared and confessed and were flogged in the common form.

Those who pleaded "not guilty" were usually offered compurgation. Sometimes they succeeded in it and sometimes they failed.

COMPURGATION was the usual way of deciding innocence or guilt when the evidence was inconclusive. In these rolls it is called "Law." The accused was said to pledge or wage his law (*vadiare legem*) that he was in the right, and found pledges for the doing of it. He appeared in court with so many hands or compurgators, and swore that he was innocent, and his backers swore that they believed him to be so. The rules about it were exact. None but a freeman could acquit himself by it against the lord and all his "hands" must also be freemen.² And they must be the proper number. Six is most common,³ but two, three, four and twelve occur.⁴ If a man succeeded he was said *facere legem*, if he failed *deficere in lege*.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT. And here it may be observed that the community spirit shows itself in the court as much as in the farming of the land. Whenever anyone was before the court in any way, whether as complainant or as accused, or as applicant for a grant of land or other benefit from the lord for which a payment was customary, he had to find sureties (plegios); and there never seems to have been any difficulty in getting them to come forward, although to be a pledge was not a mere formality, for sometimes the principal defaulted and the sureties were at the mercy of the lord and had to pay a fine.

Whether this mutual helpfulness extended to false-swearing in compurgation we have no means of knowing, for all we are told is the fact

¹ *Collectanea*. W. H. S. (1912).

² 135, 142, 144.

³ 8, 17, 58.

⁴ 165, 142; 57, 8.

of success or failure. That there should be but one solitary mention of false witness speaks well for the truthfulness of the men of Hales.¹

All transfers of land were done in the court and recorded in the rolls.

RELIEFS AND WARDS. The heir to a freehold was admitted on payment of a relief.² If he were a minor he would have a guardian or guardians who held the land and did the services during his minority, providing him with all necessities.³ Failing a mother⁴ an uncle is the most natural guardian.⁵ In one case where the mother is alive the uncle farms the holding, leaving half the profits and the guardianship of the boy to her.

A guardian's control of the holding was limited. The sale of land by a mother was quashed,⁶ and the heir's claim against guardians who had sold a mare is admitted.⁷ Nor had the guardian always complete control of his ward. One boy who had two guardians and was to be supplied with all necessities as though he were a son, might refuse to be in their service, and have an allowance for clothes and shoes.⁸

FAMILY ARRANGEMENTS about land are frequent. A parent would hand over the holding or part of it to a son or daughter,⁹ sometimes evidently as a marriage settlement. In one of these, in which a half is granted, the daughter and son-in-law are to live with her parents and serve them. If they cannot stand living thus, they are to have the half of everything except the house.¹⁰

In a case where the elder son had gone away the younger relieves the holding and has seizin on the understanding that if the elder brother comes back he may take over on refunding the 7*s.* paid as relief.¹¹

SALE AND EXCHANGE. Transfers of land were also made by both sale and exchange. The Abbot and Convent appear both as buyers and sellers,¹² and there are sales from one tenant to another.¹³ There is nothing of special interest about the exchanges.¹⁴

SUB-LETTING. Land was frequently let by one tenant to another for a "term" of so many years, or, less frequently, for so many crops.¹⁵ This seems to be the beginning of leasehold. There are

¹ 141.² See Ind. Mat. Relief.³ 53.⁴ 52, 165.⁵ 52.⁶ 172.⁷ 95, 108.⁸ 53.⁹ 38, 53, 55-6, 93.¹⁰ 38.¹¹ 96.¹² 43, 95, 168.¹³ 82, 84.¹⁴ 11, 172, 177, 184, 185.¹⁵ See Index Mat. Land, subletting.

cases in which the tenant got into arrear with rent and the sub-tenants were ordered to pay direct to the lord.¹

CLAIMS TO LORDSHIP. Two men, Hugh of Hasbury and Henry of Hunnington, seem to have had a sort of lordship. One claimed the *lerwyte*² of his tenants and the other the *heriots*.³

DISPUTED OWNERSHIP. There are many disputes about ownership, e.g., William son of Philip of Walloxhall claimed land of which his grandfather was seized in the time of Henry III. Philip of Hill, who was in possession, denied the claim. The jury found that William's grandfather never had the land. Wherefore William and his pledges are in mercy and Philip goes from the court without a day.⁴

Philip Sweyn also in a similar case was fined for an unjust *plaint*.⁵ Lucy Edrich successfully claimed a reasonable share of her father's estate.⁶ And a widow makes good a claim against her son for certain buildings.⁷

One thinks of the manor court as a purely local affair, but the way in which the parties in pleas of land raised technical points seems to argue the employment of professional lawyers. One defendant says that he need not answer because in the claim the reckoning is made by *oxgangs* instead of by *virgates* and acres, which is the correct local use.⁸ Another gains the verdict because while half the land had been mentioned in the pleadings, the whole had been viewed.⁹

SETTLEMENT OUT OF COURT. On the other hand settlement by arbitration out of court would seem to have been encouraged.¹⁰

DIES AMORIS. There was a lot of common sense in the way the court dealt with the disputes and quarrels which came before it. A case would be respited or adjourned to the next court and the parties told to come to an agreement among themselves meanwhile. Or a *dies amoris* was appointed for them to meet and, with the help of mediators appointed by the court, settle their differences.¹¹

Nor was the rigour of the law always enforced. At one court five defaulters were forgiven their fines because they were poor.¹²

HUE AND CRY. When there was a quarrel which ended in blows or bloodshed or seemed likely to, or a felony committed, one of the

¹ 96.² 79, 82.³ A, l—lii.⁴ 6.⁵ 46.⁶ 54.⁷ 47.⁸ 8.⁹ 19.¹⁰ 73, 119.

¹¹ See Index Mat. Day of love. There is no record of the appointment of mediators, but it may be inferred from the fact a *dies amoris* was a service required of a tenant, 168.

¹² 9.

persons concerned or an onlooker raised "Hue and cry." "Hue" is said to derive from the hoot of the horn, and the "cry" called for the pursuit and capture of the malefactor. It was a statutable obligation, and not to raise it when there was due cause was a punishable offence, as was the raising of it without due cause.¹ When a crime was reported to the constable he organized the hue and cry, and it was continued from town to town and from county to county until the felon was taken and delivered to the sheriff. The "hues" in these rolls do not read like anything of this sort. Rather they seem to have been in most cases little more than an outcry for help and protection.² But all hues and cries had to be reported to the court by the Township in which they were raised, and the court decided at whose wrongdoing (*ad cuius iniuriam*) they had been raised.

William and Amicia, servants of W. Yedrich, quarrelled. William struck her and she raised hue.³

Richard, brother of Matilda le Felawes, raised hue by her on William son of Richard, and John Cok raised hue on her by his father. All are to be arrested and brought to the next court.³

Walter the Archer beat Hawise of the Lewe. She raised hue. Afterwards Walter came and took the blame.³

Isabel Dun beat Felicia wife of William Dun, who raised hue justly.

Geoffry son of Gilbert came by night to the house of Thomas Adams and threw stones at the door. William the brother of Thomas went out and drew blood from Geoffrey, who raised hue. Both were fined.⁵

Richard Ordriqkx struck Philip Edriqkx and drew blood, and because Philip was going to hit him back he raised hue. Both were fined, Richard 2s. and Philip 6d.⁶

John Fille and Dionysia his wife complained that Roger of Hill attacked Dionysia and beat her, doing her half a mark's damage. Roger said he struck her because she reviled him, but he was not excused. He had to make amends to her and pay a fine. This seems a case for hue, but there is no mention of the raising of it.⁷

One instance does look like an officially organized Hue and Cry. Alice of Chiselhurst stole corn and peas, and lit up her house and fled the county so that she could not be arrested. She is to be found and arrested.⁸

¹ 61, 142.

² Those raised by bailiffs, usually because of pledges refused or rescued, may have been of the more formal type.

³ 32.

⁴ 158.

⁵ 26.

⁶ 59.

⁷ 112.

⁸ 44.

STRANGERS. No one might come to reside within the manor without the lord's leave, and anyone housing a stranger was liable to a fine.

A man of Edgbaston pays 1s. to the lord for leave to come and go within the manor. The Abbot was no doubt satisfied about his respectability, but he had to find two sureties for his good behaviour.¹

Many of the strangers housed were not respectable. Christina of the Marsh and a stranger woman are accustomed to break the neighbour's fences.² William of Tewenhale is housing two women who take sheaves and other things from the lord's servants.³

Godith is distrained for harbouring Alice at-the-gate, an evildoer. She has gone on to to W. Burnet, who is likewise distrained.⁴ Juliana la Hert had been forbidden the township for repeated burning of fences. A man who took pity on her after this prohibition and gave her lodging was fined.⁵

BANISHMENT. What became of these poor things when their own village banished them and no other was willing to receive them?

VILLEIN NOT TO QUIT WITHOUT LEAVE. On the other hand the lord would not allow his villeins to go away at will. Richard son of William gave the lord 2s. down and 3d. a year for leave to dwell where he pleased.⁶ Thomas Mede, because he withdrew himself, gives the lord 10s. and 2 lbs. of wax a year for the Abbots' chamber.⁷ And by way of retrieving absentees their brothers are distrained in two cases. Which seems both unjust and of dubious efficacy.

MANUMISSION. The right "to go and come like a free man quit and released from all servitude and servile condition" was bought for John le Webbe by Richard Adenbrook at the price of a pair of two-penny spurs or two pence every Christmas.⁸ And Richard Titicus of Birmingham bought the manumission of Thomas son of John of Warley Gate in Hales and all his family and goods for 2s. down and a halfpenny a year so long as Thomas lived.¹⁰

MARRIAGE RESTRICTIONS. Another disability of the villein was that he might not give his womenfolk in marriage without the lord's leave, for which "merchet" had to be paid.

In 1276 the Sheriff of Salop held an inquiry into the complaints of the tenants of Hales against the Abbot, when it was found to be the

¹ 78.

² 132.

³ 128

⁴ 95.

⁵ 169.

⁶ 65.

⁷ 88-9. He also renounced all right in the town of Smethwick, which I suppose means that he had acquired a domicile there.

⁸ 62, 63.

⁹ 103.

¹⁰ 78.

the custom of the manor that if any of the tenants married their daughters out of the manor they were to pay to the lord 2*s.* for merchet, and if within it 12*s.*¹

A *nativa* was liable to be married to whomsoever the lord pleased, and it is not surprising that there are many cases of men being fined because they had given a daughter or sister in marriage without leave. The eighteen pence paid by Cristina at the Ash for leave to marry the man of her own choice does not seem excessive; but the man who married Margery of Coventry only paid sixpence. The merchet of the daughter of W. Paumer was 12*s.* She was evidently marrying within the manor.

VILLEINS FORCED TO WIVE. There are also cases of marriage being forced upon the male villein. Thomas son of Ralph of Blakeley was ordered in full court to take a certain widow to wife, and, because he refused, was distrained.² He seems to have been a cross-grained person, for at the next court he was fined for illtreating his father and mother.³ Walter Robin also was distrained to take a widow, and paid 4*s.* to be excused.⁴

It was not that the Abbot regarded celibacy as too high a privilege for any but the inmates of the abbey, but because these widows held land and a man was required to work it. Richard of the Pit-way needed no distrainment, but was ready to pay 6*s.* for the widow and land of John Grape.⁵

ROADS. The court kept an eye on the roads and paths. A highway in those days, excepting the old Roman roads, was little more than a continuous strip of ground not used for other purposes. Encroachment on it by ploughing was therefore easy and not uncommon.⁶ One man encroached on it by digging marl.⁷ Another diverted a water-course on to it and washed it away.⁷ T. Snou blocked the road opposite his door and by enclosing some of the lord's land by the sike of Clent transferred it from Salop to Staffordshire. A Great Inquest was called to deal with this.⁸ Either the miller or the lord had neglected the way by Oldbury pool.⁹ Another way at Ridgeacre was dangerous through the neglect of Thomas of the Green.¹⁰ In one case the Belawe or court of the inhabitants of the locality was required to put it right,¹⁰ and in another the jurors—not I think in their capacity as jurors, but as representative men of the place.¹¹

¹ Nash.² 84-5.³ 89.⁴ 86, 94.⁵ 116.⁶ 156.⁷ 14⁸ 127.⁹ 128.¹⁰ 129.¹¹ 156.

If a township failed to see to the clearing of an obstructed road it was fined.¹

RIGHTS OF WAY were guarded, *e.g.*, The jury say that William le Brut was wrong in not allowing Richard of Linacre to go by the way he was accustomed to go. Wherefore he is in mercy. And Richard behaved ill towards William's wife. Wherefore he is in mercy. And she behaved ill towards Richard. Wherefore she is in mercy.²

ENCROACHMENT was not limited to roads but was made both on the lord and on neighbours. William le Peynter ploughed in the lord's waste,³ and Thomas the smith took an encroachment in it outside his hedge.⁴ Swain le Per encroached on the abbot by raising a fence, and pledged amends.⁵ Inquiries were ordered as to who sowed lands in encroachment on the lord,⁶ and whether some land by a fence is held as it ought to be.⁷ Joan of the Green cut grass on the boundary between her and Roger Fokerham unjustly and occupied more than she ought. She was fined and had to pay damages.⁸

FENCES found the court a good deal of business. There was a permanent one round the common fields with gaps which could be readily closed by hurdles or rails (*claustra*), as is proved by an order of the court held on Wednesday in Easter week 1281, "All fences round the common fields are to be closed by Sunday under penalty of a plough-share."⁹ And there was no doubt a similar permanent fence in every other place where it was needed at some season of the year. The frequent mention of tenants closing or failing to close their fences proves this.

There is no evidence in the rolls of the extent to which temporary fences were put up when a man wanted to graze his cattle on his own plot of meadow or pen his sheep on his stubbles. The only definitely temporary fence mentioned is one which William of the Green first put up between his land and W. Alfret's and then withdrew.¹⁰

The words used for fence are *haya*, *hesa*, *sepes* and *fossatum*. The last means anything dug, either a ditch or a dike or bank. Whether any of the other three is consistently used of a "quick" hedge, as distinguished from a "dead" fence of hurdling, wattle or rails, it would be rash to say.

Specimen cases which came before the court are: The Abbot raised a bank opposite Roger Ordrix's door, and he or someone else demolished it.¹¹

¹ 157.² 89.³ 188.⁴ 167.⁵ 37.⁶ 36.⁷ 90.⁸ 111.⁹ 92.¹⁰ 71.¹¹ 22, 23.

Thomas the Dyer gives 6*d.* to have the consideration of the court about a bank between him and Julia of the Green. If she fails to shut her fence she is answerable for any damage done to Thomas by her beasts, but he is not answerable for damage done by his to her. The grass of the bank and half a foot beyond is hers, but Thomas is not bound to keep his beasts from it.¹

Thomas of the Green complains that Henry Simond ought to shut a fence between them and to repair a hedge there every year. Henry says that the fence was sufficiently shut, and that he can repair the hedge when he pleases and especially in the time of fallow, which would be every third year.²

Taking firewood from fences was frequent, and the offenders were nearly always women.

The officer charged with the supervision of the fences was called the hayward.³

TRESPASS BY ANIMALS. Of all offences perhaps the most frequent was trespass by animals, usually in the lord's crops or meadows. Animals found straying or trespassing were put in the pound and a fine or *imparcamentum* had to be paid for their release. To break pound, that is, to take one's animals out of it without leave or payment, was a serious offence.

Roger Ketel promised to make amends if it were proved that his son by his stupidity let out two horses of his and other people's animals also.⁴

A maidservant was summoned to answer why, contrary to the peace of the Abbot, she had taken out animals of her master's impounded by the warrener.⁵

The trespass was not always accidental. Agnes Emes tethered her beast in the lord's pasture.⁶ And Thomas Linacre's device for paying his fine was even more impudent. His beasts had been found in the lord's oats. So he and his family stole 16 sheaves of those oats to pay the fine with. The humour of it was not appreciated by the court, and he was fined 12*d.*⁷

TRESPASS AND TAKING WOOD. There was trespass in the woods also, and not by animals only. Matilda of Kelmstowe and others are in the habit of taking the lord's wood and of burning his and the neighbours' fences.⁸ Clement was convicted of taking a load of firewood made ready for carrying to Wich.⁸ Thomas le Squier carried off

¹ 24.² 148.³ W. le Hayward appears A. 489.⁴ 35.⁵ 47.⁶ 123.⁷ 127-8.⁸ 173.

two oaks which he took from Henry the woodward, as well as an ash and some firewood.¹ William le Feys cut and carried off wood of the lord and others for sale at Stretyford, but pledged his law that he had not cut or taken staves and rods.² J. Schirlet felled an alder grove. He said it was his own, and the inquest of Hasbury and Hunnington confirmed it. But the freeholders of the manor were not satisfied and asked a day for inquiring into it. In the end they found it was as he had said.³ J. Thedrich felled an oak. He said it was his own. The whole township of Oldbury was ordered to view and report. They found that it was a boundary tree and belonged to him and his neighbour jointly.⁴

Two Romsley men, H. Sires and his son, seem to have made a business of receiving stolen timber.⁵

SPOILING OF TENEMENTS. There was also some plundering of timber from houses and tenements when the heir was a minor and the house peesumably vacant. Walter Areher made waste and destruction of the wood of Thomas son of Hayyse de Laleye. He is fined and pledges amends to Thomas.⁶ John of Depslou carried off timber from the buildings of the tenement which was T. Sibely's to the value of 2s.⁷ A servant of Henry the Dyer took small boards from the house of the heir of Roger of the Hall, and William Prutfot took four long logs from the alder grove, to the detriment of the said heir.⁸

DILAPIDATION. Some tenants allowed their buildings to get into disrepair and even pulled them down. William the miller is given a day by which to repair a brewhouse on the lord's land.⁹ There used to be a dwelling house and a granary on Richard the Beadle's tenement, but they are now fallen down to the hurt of the tenement.¹⁰ The lord's action against William of Yieldingtree, who had pulled down and taken away the buildings of a "native" tenement which was his wife's, is respited.¹¹ The lord would not be concerned with freehold tenements.

POACHING. The tale of poachers is very short. John of Oldbury's son took a fish in Briddesmilne pool. He seems to have crept up behind the hedges on the far bank to do it.¹² And Henry Archer pledged his law that he had not fished in the lord's preserved waters.¹³

THE ABBOT'S FISHERMAN. The canons of the Abbey do not

¹ 187.² 109-110.³ 113, 118.⁴ 146, 150.⁵ 187.⁶ 27.⁷ 121, 125.⁸ 154.⁹ 160.¹⁰ 154.¹¹ 185.¹² 128.¹³ 94.

seem to have trusted to their rods and lines for a supply of fish for fast days, but to have employed a fisherman to net them.¹

CRIME, ETC. Of deliberate serious crime there was practically none. Hue was raised on robbers who came by night and broke the house of W. of the Heath and took goods,² and another lot of robbers by night.³ But there is no reason for thinking them to have been men of the manor, any more than was the poor man who was going about the village of Romsley last summer, and one day he came to Alice of Edwineshul's and took wet linen cloths and carried them off to the wood. Two men found him there and took them from him, as well as his white tunic, a flail and the money in his purse. How much that was the inquest does not know, nor what is become of him.⁴ Petronilla, daughter of J. Ordric, took two cows at the house of Gregory of Smethwick and drove them off to Evesham. He pursued and she fled.⁵ There are several cases of taking sheaves and other things such as geese, peas and radishes.⁶

The standard of honesty and truth was not perhaps very high. Roger Hall said his wife sent 5*d.* to Philip of Hill to take to Salop, and he kept it.⁷ Roger of Hill said he had paid a woman the 4*s.* damages awarded by the court when he had not, and because he had pledged his whole tenement that the payment had been truly made, it and all his goods were taken into the lord's hand.⁸

ASSAULT. There are other cases of battery and assault besides those mentioned under Hue and cry. One is so complete that it is worth summarizing with some quotation. The lord complained that Ranulf, son of John Walters, on the Sunday after All Saints at Oldbury made an assault on Robert Norreys the lord's servant with violence and arms and beat and ill used him, thereby hindering the lord's work to the extent of 20*s.* and doing despite to the extent of 40*s.* Ranulf denied it and pledged his law. Villeinage was alleged against him as a bar. He asserted that he was a free man.⁹ At the next court John the father of Ranulf is brought into the case. The charge is that he or his servant did it. He defended himself. But because he denied only for himself and not for his servant the court said that the lord ought to recover damages.¹⁰ At the next court John of Baresfen, the servant, appears to answer why he made an attack on the said Norreys in the house of John Walters of Oldbury and beat him with a staff, with hatchets, with a coulter and with his fists, and illtreated him to the loss

¹ 34, 35.² 46.³ 22.⁴ 176.⁵ 36.⁶ 128, 44, 188.⁷ 56. But Roger failed to make good the charge A. 111.⁸ 141.⁹ 135.¹⁰ 138.

and hindrance of the lord's work, etc. Baresfen denied it and pledged his law.¹ At the next court he appeared to wage his law, but one of his hands was challenged on the score of villeinage.² At the court after that Baresfen paid a fine of 12*d.*³ Why the case went on after Baresfen had at his first appearance pledged amends to the lord for blood-shedding against Norreys, or why he should both admit and deny his guilt at that court is a problem which I am not lawyer enough to solve.⁴

DESPITE. It may have been noticed that the lord in this last case claimed damages for hindrance to his work by the wounding of his servant and also 40*s.* for *despectus* or *contemptus*. Other words used in the same sense are *pudor* and *huntagium*. "Despite" is perhaps the best translation. The meaning is exactly what, I think, the Chinese call "loss of face." A good example is the following: Philip of Hill is accused by the Cellarer in the name of the Abbot and Convent that at Walloxhall in the highway opposite the house of William of Langley he made himself bailiff in prejudice of and against the peace of the Abbot and his bailiffs, and arrested a cart, doing 40*s.* damage to the Abbot and Convent and 40*s.* despite (*huntagium*). His only defence was a technical one. He denied damage and despite and said he was not bound to answer because he had not been either summoned or arrested. He was told that he was bound to because he had begun to do so, and the case was respited to the coming of the Abbot or the next court.⁵

EVIL SPEAKING. The court took notice of what was said as well as what was done. Agnes Dones said that the clerk had enrolled otherwise than he did. She had to make amends to the clerk, which were taxed at 12*d.*, as well as paying a fine.⁶ J. Knyth was summoned to answer the lord wherefore he had accused the bailiff of receiving and levying more than he ought.⁷ We in these days have at least the liberty of questioning the accuracy of income tax demands. Robert son of Cristiana of Illey was fined for saying that he was of higher degree than his neighbours and calling them "natives."⁸ And Thomas of the Heath was fined for saying insulting things to his neighbours.⁹

Such instances as these, coupled with the fact that if a man brought a charge against another into court and failed to prove it he was fined, make it clear that the manor court was an enemy to

¹ 139.² 142.³ 144.⁴ 139.⁵ 100.⁶ 137.⁷ 133.⁸ 130.⁹ 85.

evil speaking, and must have done a good deal to encourage government of the tongue.

AN ESTIMATION OF THE MANORIAL COURT AND SYSTEM. Composed as it was of all the freemen of the manor, each of whom had to come at least twice a year, and having at the Great Courts, which were held every six months, two representatives from each township, whose business it was to report everything which needed attention, there must have been very little that was not known to the court, or that escaped correction.

A close study of these rolls has given me a great respect for it as a very sensible and useful institution.

And as to their system of farming, it would be difficult—one might go so far as to say impossible—to devise a better one for a country which was being newly settled and therefore sparsely populated. It was an ideal plan until all the land had been taken into use or cultivation, not only because of its fellowship, but also because it was so capable of expansion. The constant fightings and periodical pestilences of the middle ages kept numbers down so much that it was a long time before the agricultural population became more than the system could deal with or the land hold.

There was until recently (perhaps it is so still) at least one manor in England being farmed in the old way.¹ Very interesting, very admirable, but of the nature of a museum piece.

Co-operative farming on the lines of the mediæval manor and local self-government on the lines of the manor court are things which have passed and can never be again. A merit of the system was that it must have impressed on all the members of the community a strong sense of dependence on each other and responsibility for each other; a blemish that it made them intensely parochial. Our horizon is wider and a sense of the interdependence of all the peoples of the world is being forced upon us. But perhaps we need to beware lest in the wider outlook we lose the humanizing grace which can only come of intimate personal contact, a thing which we may now avoid, but the dweller in a mediæval manor could not.

¹ Wilburton, co. Camb., which belonged to Mr. Albert Pell.

LIST OF COURTS

The courts in this volume are numbered with an index figure added to that of the court in Mr. Amphlett's series which they follow. The adjacent courts in his series are given in brackets and smaller type so that it may be seen to what extent the gaps are filled. The reference numbers are to the rolls in the Birmingham Reference Library.

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[43	Tu.	14	Jan.	1276]		61 ⁴	Tu.	19	May 1279 346209
43 ¹	Tu.	4	Feb.	1276	346206	61 ⁵	Fri.	16	June „ „
43 ²	Mon.	24	Feb.	„	„	61 ⁶	Wed.	12	July „ „
43 ³	Tu.	17	Mar.	„	346205	61 ⁷	Mon.	31	July „ „
43 ⁴	Mon.	13	Ap.	„	346206	[62	Mon.	2	Oct. 1279]
43 ⁵	Mon.	27	Ap.	„	„	[77	Tu.	27	Aug. 1280]
43 ⁶	Mon.	18	May	„	„	77 ¹	Wed.	8	Oct. 1280 346211
43 ⁷	Mon.	8	June	„	„	77 ²	Mon.	4	Nov. „ „
43 ⁸	Tu.	30	June	„	„	77 ³	Sat.	30	Nov. „ „
43 ⁹	Tu.	21	July	„	„	77 ⁴	Fri.	20	Dec. „ „
43 ¹⁰	Tu.	11	Aug.	„	„	77 ⁵	Wed.	15	Jan. 1281 „
43 ¹¹	Wed.	9	Sep.	„	„	77 ⁶	Wed.	5	Feb. „ „
43 ¹²	Wed.	30	Sep.	„	„	77 ⁷	Fri.	28	Feb. „ „
43 ¹³	Wed.	21	Oct.	„	„	77 ⁸	Wed.	16	Ap. „ „
43 ¹⁴	Tu.	10	Nov.	„	346207	77 ⁹	Wed.	30	Ap. „ „
43 ¹⁵	Tu.	1	Dec.	„	„	77 ¹⁰	Fri.	25	May „ „
43 ¹⁶	Tu.	15	Dec.	„	„	77 ¹¹	Wed.	25	June „ „
43 ¹⁷	Tu.	12	Jan.	1277	„	77 ¹²	Fri.	18	July „ „
[44	Wed.	24	Feb.	1277]		77 ¹³	Wed.	16	Aug. „ „
[61	Sat.	20	July	1278]		[78	undated.	79	Tu. 28 Oct. 1281]
61 ¹	Mon.	7	Nov.	1278	346515	[134	Wed.	8	July 1299]
61 ²	Fri.	9	Dec.	„	„	134 ¹	Wed.	30	Sep. 1299 346220
61 ³	Fri.	21	Ap.	1279	346209	135	Fri.	30	Oct. „ * „

* Mr. Amphlett's No. 135 is the second portion of this court.

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Court number	Date	Reference number of Roll	Court number	Date	Reference number of Roll
[136	Wed. 25 Nov. 1299]		141 ⁶	Fri. 13 Jan. 1301	346223
[140	Wed. 23 Mar. 1300]		141 ⁷	Fri. 3 Feb. "	"
140 ¹	Wed. 13 July 1300	346222	141 ⁸	Wed. 1 Mar. "	"
[141	Wed. 27 July 1300]		[142	Wed. 22 Mar. 1301]	
141 ¹	Wed. 3 Aug. "	"	142 ¹	Wed. 12 Ap. 1301	"
141 ²	Wed. 5 Oct. "	346223	142 ²	Wed. 10 May "	"
141 ³	Wed. 26 Oct. "	"	142 ³	Fri. 9 June "	"
141 ⁴	Mon. 21 Nov. "	"	[143	Wed. 5 July 1301]	
141 ⁵	Wed. 7 Dec. "	"			

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

- p. 6 line 10 *for* summonitione *read* summonitus.
11 13 *for* Juratores *read* Jurati.
25 7 from bottom *for* Ord[ix] *read* Ord[rix].
27 9 *for* seuqela *read* sequela.
31 5 *for* 43¹⁰ *read* 43¹¹.
44 note 2 *add* "Illuminavit" may mean "lit up" rather than "set fire to." She lit up her house to conceal her flight.
49 line 3 and 9 *add* note: "ultra" and "citra" should change places. The same confusion occurs elsewhere. If the court was not always held on the same side of the river, it is likely that there would be confusion. *See* A xxiv. "Citra" is usually the S.W. side.
62 note 1 *add* Hue must also be justifiable, and it was most likely the rule concerning this that Margery broke.
66 4 *for* Halenet *read* Halen et.
75 7 from bottom *add* note: "Citra" should be "ultra."
76 4 *for* (citra ? error) ultra *read* citra (ultra error).
86 note 5 *for* pot *read* pottle (= half a gallon—O.E.D.).
100 line 2 *for* aramaietur *read* aramietur.
103 note 1 *substitute* The son, being heir to someone else, owed suit on his own account, and could not be an essoiner. *See* A xxviii.
122 note 3 *for* cart *read* plough.
126 8 and 9 from bottom *for* Lyche *read* Lythe.
127 3 *for* Lyche *read* Lythe.
153 note 2 *for* landowner *read* landholder.
182 *dele* note 1 and alter number of next note from 2 to 1.
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N.B.—References to Mr. Amphlett's Hales Court Rolls are usually made by the letter A followed by Arabic numerals for the text and Roman for the introduction.

ADDITIONAL COURT ROLLS

OF THE

MANOR OF HALES.

346206 i.]*

43¹ [CURIA] de Halis die Martis proxima post festum Purificationis Beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi iii. [4 Feb. 1276.]

[**Essonie**.¹ Fel]ipus de Hulle contra Willelmum de Wal-lucshale de placito terre per Hugonem filium Rogeri de Aula, ii° post visum.²

Optulit. Regerus de Bosco essionatus per Galfridum de Ruuele, i° de communi summonitus.³

Optulit. Regerus Ketel per Rogerum filium suum de communi summonitus.

* **346206** is the Birmingham Reference Library's number for this roll, which consists of 8 skins stitched together.

43¹ means that this court follows that numbered 43 in Mr. Amphlett's edition, *q.v.*, p. 77.

¹ Essoins, *i.e.*, Excuses for non-attendance.

² Philip de H., summoned to appear against W. de W. concerning a plea about land, sent his excuse by H., son of R. de A. This is the second time he has excused himself after the land was viewed.

³ R. de B. essoined by G. de R. a first time, having been summoned for an ordinary attendance (*de communi secta curie*). See p. 170.

Optulit is written at the side and means, I think, that the principal appeared afterwards and guaranteed the essoin. See p. 32, *postea optulit se et warrantizavit essoniam*, and p. 46, *warrantat essonias quas prius essoniaverat se ter in curia*.

There were several ways of getting a person to court: (1) an ordinary summons; (2) a summons *per testes* (in the presence of witnesses); (3) distraint (taking a man's goods, which were forfeit if he failed to appear); and (4) arrest.

Regerus Ordrih contra Willelmum le Pamer et Augnetem uxore et Matildis sororem eiusdem de placito terre. ii° post visum terre.¹

Optulit. Johannes de Lappol per Johannem de Chilton de communi.

Felip de Hulle contra Matild de Doverdale per Johannem filium Ricardi.

Misericordia xii d.² Matilda de Doverdale in misericordia. Plegii Felipum de Werueley et Johannem de Wallucshale.³

Willelmus de Teuenhale in misericordia, plegii Willelmus Aluert et frater H.

Datus est dies amoris⁴ inter Abbatem et Rogerum Hordrik et aliis ad in[ter]cescionem illorum. viz. ad diem Beati Petri.

Tastores vj d. Dicunt quod Tomas de Linaker vendidit contra asisam. ideo misericordia. plegii Tomas de Hilleye et Willelmus Jones.⁵

Willelmus filius Rogeri Burnet obtulit se ad faciendam abbati pro eritagio suo quod ius dictaverit.⁶

43² CURIA de Hal die sancti Mathei Apostoli anno regni regis E. quarto. [24 Feb. 1276.]

Essonie. Henricus de Honinton per Henricum filium Philippi de communi. i°. affidavit.⁷

¹ For this case see A. introd., lx—lxiii. It runs all through this group of courts, having begun with the filing of a writ of right on 3 June, 1275, and does not end till 19 Nov. 1277, when Ordrih went quit on a technicality, and the plaintiffs got nothing by their writ.

² Misericordia, as a marginal, means an “à-merci-ament” or fine. Anyone found in the wrong by the court was “in mercy” or “at the mercy of the lord,” i.e., liable to whatever fine the lord or his steward might impose. In some courts “affeerers” were appointed to assess the amount of the fines.

³ Matilda is fined. Her sureties for payment are Philip and John. The 12d. refers to both her and W. of Tewenhale, presumably 6d. each.

⁴ Dies amoris, a day for meeting and coming to an agreement.

⁵ The tasters of ale say that T. L. sold contrary to the assize. He was fined 6d. Thomas and William went surety for its payment.

⁶ Offered to pay the Abbot for his inheritance whatever justice dictated.

⁷ “Affidavit” (or “warrantizavit” found elsewhere) means either that the man who brought the excuse swore it was genuine, or that the sender did so afterwards. The evidence seems in favour of the latter.

Thomas de Hulle per Ricardum filium suum de communi.
i°. *affidavit*.

Thomas Adam per Rogerum fratrem suum de communi.
i°. *affidavit*.

Thomas de Mora per Willelmum filium Alani de communi.
i°. *affidavit*.

Johannes¹ Borri de Oldebury per Rogerum filium fratris sui
de communi. i°. *affidavit*.

Radulphus de Blakel per Ricardum filium suum de com-
muni. i°. *affidavit*.

Simon de Holdebury per Thomam filium Philippi de
communi. i°. *affidavit*.

Willelmus Medicus per W. filium suum de communi.
i°. *affidavit*.

Willelmus Osbern per W. filium suum de communi.
i°. *affidavit*.

Rogerus Ordri² per J. filium Ricardi versus W. Paumer et
Augnetem uxorem suam post visum terre iij°. Plegii Thomas
Sibili, Johannes Yedrig.³

Philippus de Hulle versus W. filium Swen de placito terre,
per Philippum filium Swen le per. iij°. Plegii P. de Halen,
Thomas filius Ricardi de Holdebury.

Swen le Per per Hugonem filium Rogeri de Aula de
communi. i°. *affidavit*.

Willelmus Bonde per Galfridum filium Willelmi de com-
muni. i°. *affidavit*.

¹ May be "Philip."

² This was the third time Roger O. had *essoined* since the land was
viewed. At the next court the other parties get a writ against him, when he
again *essoined* three times. At the court of 8 June 1276 (43⁷) both parties
appeared, and Roger gained the verdict. The sureties are entered here
because the limit of *essoin* had been reached.

³ This name is spelled in all conceivable ways both as to ending
and beginning, "edri" being the only constant. It is begun with "Th,"
with the Y-like letter "thorn" = Th, and with "Y." Hedrich and Edrich
may be other forms of the same name.

[? Hen]r' le Archer vadiavit legem contra Abbatem, et quia deficit ideo in misericordia. Plegius Willelmus de Broc.¹

. . . . filius Ricardi de Holdebury in misericordia quia verberavit Swen le per. Plegii Petrus de Halen, Philippus filius Hugonis de Werueleye.

[Misericordi]e.² Thomas de Tewenhal, plegii Ricardus le Coc, Walterus filius G. ; Philippus Bele Jaumbe, plegii Willelmus Yedrig, Johannes filius Walteri ; Ricardus le Coc, plegii Willemus de Tewenhal, Philippus bele Jaumbe ; Willelmus Yedrig, plegii Philippus Bele Jaumbe, Johannes filius Walteri ; Walterus filius G., plegii Thomas filius Ricardi, Johannes Yedrig ; Thomas filius Ricardi, plegii Willelmus Yedrig, Johannes filius Walteri ; Johannes Yedrig, plegii Willelmus Yedrig, Ricardus le Coc ; Johannes filius Walteri, plegii Johannes Yedrig, Willelmus Yedrig.

Galfridus le Per invenit plegios, scilicet Thomam Piscator, Willelmum Leper, quod veniet citra proximam curiam ad faciendum quod ius sibi dictaverit.

Dicunt Tastatores quod Thomas de Lineacre semel parva.³

Willelmus filius Willelmi dat Domino xiid. ad habendum considerationem curie de quadam terra.

Contingit dominica prima quadragesime quod contentio erat inter Willelmum de Puttewey, Jocam uxorem eius et quemdam extraneum fratrem uxoris eius de quo erat effusio sanguinis. ideo attachiantur.⁴

¹ Henry (?) le Archer waged his law against the Abbot, and, because he failed, he is therefore in mercy. Surety W. le B. To "wage one's law" means to offer to prove that one is in the right.

² The margin is here nibbled away, leaving only the final "e" of "misericordie," i.e., fines.

This list is most likely of those who pledged themselves to pay their portions of the fine of £10 mentioned in the last entry of this court.

³ The ale tasters say that T. L. brewed too small, once.

⁴ It happened on the first Sunday in Lent that there was strife between W. of the Pit-way, Joice (?) his wife and her brother from outside the manor, from whom (or which) there was shedding of blood. Therefore they are to be arrested.

Philippus bele Jaumbe invenit plegios Walterum Geffrey, Willelmum Yedrig ad faciendum quod ius dictaverit.

Johannes Walter invenit plegios ad faciendum quod ius dictaverit.

x libre. Omnes homines de Manerio de Hales in misericordia quia noluerunt eligigere prepositum ad opus Abbatis et pro pluribus desspectis et contentis domino Abbati et conventui.¹

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43³ [CURIA] de Hales die Martis (Sabbati *struck out*) proximo ante festum sancti Benedicti anno regni regis Edward quarto. [17 March 1276.]

Essonie. Optulit. Phelippus de Wyllingehirst de communi per Thomam de Tadenherst. primo. affidavit.

Optulit. Philippus de Pette de eodem per Thomam filium Philippi. primo. affidavit.

Optulit. Thomas de Regacre de eodem per Thomam filium suum. primo. affidavit.

Optulit. Thomas de Kackemore de eodem per Willelmum de la lee. primo. affidavit.

Optulit. Willelmus le Frankeleyn de eodem, per Willelmum filium suum. primo. affidavit.

Optulit. Willelmus le Per de eodem, per Thomam le Tinekere. primo. affidavit.

xiiid. Optulit. Johannes Hedrich de communi versus Abbatem de lege sua vadianda, per Will . . . [non ia]cet. ideo in misericordia.²

¹ "All the men of the manor fined for refusing to choose a reeve for the work of the abbot, and for many despites and contempts towards the lord abbot and the convent." Total fine £10. The Reeve was elected by the villains to direct their work in the arable, both in the common fields and for the lord in his demesne. Either they were jibbing against work for the lord or could get no one to take the office.

² J. H. offered an essoin from a common summons, whereas he was summoned to wage his law against the abbot, and the essoin did not lie. Therefore fined 12d.

Symon de Oldebiry de communi, per Philippum filium s[uum]

Optulit. Swein de Oldebiry de eodum, per Henricum filium suum

xii d. Optulit. Ricardus Koc de communi et de lege sua vadianda versus Abbatem per Johannem filium suum. primo. . . .

Optulit. Johannes de Lappole de communi, per Johannem de la Hetthe. primo.

Optulit. Reger Ketel de communi summonitione per Regerum filium suum. primo.

Defalta. Johannes Thedrich, Roger le Coc fecerunt defaltam. Ideo distringantur et plegii sui quia non habuerunt quos plegiaverunt. Ideo summoniantur ad audiendum iudicium.¹

Breve. Johannes filius Thome Borry de Wallockeshal summonitus per Ballivum ad respondendum filo Sweyn de placito terre, qui non venit. Ideo consideratum est quod summoniatur per testes.²

Breve. Placitum, xii d. Willelmus filius Philippi de Wallockeshale optulit se versus Philippum de Hull unam acram cum pertinenciis in Kackemore de qua quidem Willelmus avus suus fuit sey[situs] et de Jure tempore Henrici regis patris regis qui nunc est, capit inde expleta ad valenciam dimidie marce et amplius. de Willelmo decendit Jus et debet decendere Philippo filio et heredi suo, de Philippo decendit et decendere debuit [Willelmo] qui nunc petit ut filio et heredi, et hoc optulit se

Philippus de Hulle venit et defendit jus suum ideo. Et

¹ John T. and R. le C. made default. Therefore let them be distrained (*i.e.*, some of their goods seized, which would be forfeited if they failed to come up for judgment). Their sureties were also to be distrained because they had not brought their principals to court, and all were to be summoned to hear judgment.

² Writ. John, son of T. B. of W., had been summoned by the Bailiff to answer to Philip (?) Sweyn concerning a plea about land, and he did not come, therefore it was thought good that he should be summoned by witnesses.

I suppose this means that the bailiff should summon him next time in the presence of witnesses, so that there should be no doubt about it.

dicit quod ille Willelmus avus predicti Willelmi nunquam ullo tempore fuit seysitus de dicta acra terre qua potitus est. Et de hoc ponunt se super inquisitionem, que dicit quod Willelmus avus predicti Willelmi nullo tempore fuit in seysina de predicta terra. Ideo concessum est quod idem Willelmus nichil per breve istud. Sed sint ipse et plegii sui in misericordia. Et Philippus inde sine die.¹

On a slip attached: Jurati inter Willelmum Phillipum.

Philippus de Werueleye, Philippus de Bosco de Halde, Robertus Atelowe, Thomas de Hulle, Willelmus aBovenhebroc, Jur., Philippus Gerald, Jur., Johannes filius Thome Borry, Thomas filius Hugonis, Jur., Ricardus Cocus de Werueleye, Jur., Willelmus le Peer, Rogerus de Bosco de Holdebery, Jur., Jurdanus de Kackemor, Jur., Willelmus le Leche, Jur., Ricardus le Coc, Thomas Holf, Jur., Willelmus Gregory, Thomas Aleyn, Ricardus de Nottewyke. *End of slip.*

xvis. Roger Smart dat xvis. Abbati ad habendum seysinam de medietate terre Johannis de la Hem ad vitam suam et totum post obitum suum.

Breve. Willelmus le Paumer, Augnes uxor eius, Matilda soror eius, optulerunt see versus Rogerum Hordrich in placito terre et petierunt versus eum medietatem quatuor bovetarum terre cum pertinentiis in Cackemore ut Jus suum, cum Edith antecessor predictarum Agnetis et Matilde fuit seysita tempore Johannis regis avi regis qui nunc est, capit inde explata ad valenciam dimidie marce et amplius. de Edith descendit Jus et debet descendere Willelmo filio suo et heredi, et de Willelmo predictis Agneti et Matilde qui nunc petunt.

¹ Writ. Plea. William, son of P. de W., offered himself against Philip de H. about an acre in Cakemore which William his grandfather was seized of in the time of Henry III, and took produce from to the value of half a mark and upwards. His grandfather's right had come down through his father to him.

Philip denied that William's grandfather had ever had it, and demanded an inquiry, which decided that the grandfather had never held it and that William got nothing by the writ, but both he and his sureties were in mercy, and Philip goes from the court without a day (*i.e.*, he will not have to appear again about it). William was fined 12*d.*

Responsio. Rogerus Hordrych venit et defendit verba curie et Jus predictarum et dicit quod non tenetur respondere predictis eo quod petunt per breve medietatem quatuor bovetarum terre, et non est mos nec consuetudo ad petendum terram secundum consuetudinem manerii per bovatas sed per acras et virgatas, et de hoc ponit se super Judicium.¹

Lex. Willelmus Edrich venit cum sexta manu ad faciendum legem versus Abbatem dominum suum in placito transgressionis, et calumpniatus est ab illo quod venire debuit cum xii manu.²

Thomas Rich (Petrus de Hale, Henricus le Peer, Galfridus le Peer, T., *crossed out*), Walterus filius Galfridi, Philippus Belejaumbe, Willelmus de Tevenhal, Johannes filius Water, qui optulerunt se ad faciendum legem cum sexta manu versus Abbatem dominum suum.

xii d. Tastatores. Tastatores dicunt quod Roger de Aula *xii d. written above*) vendidit antequam tastaverunt servisiā. Ideo in misericordia. Ideo distingitur ad finem.³

Summonitio. Breve. Philippus Bygge optulit se versus Johannem filium Philippi de Wallokesdale de placito terre, qui summonitus fuit et non venit. Ideo consideratum est quod summoneatur per testes.

vi d. Radulphus Chowe pro cane suo qui effudit sanguinem de quodam multro.⁴ Ideo in misericordia. Plegius Thomas Walrene.

iis. Willelmus de Teuhenhale venit et dat ad habendum inquisitionem si sit propinquior heres Allani de Teuhenhale et dicit quod ipse propinquior heres est.

¹ William le P., Agnes his wife, and Matilda her sister claimed half 4 oxgangs of land with its pertinences in Cakemore which Edith, ancestress of A. and M., held in the time of K. John, and took profits from to the value of half a mark and upwards. A. and M. were daughters of William, son of William, son of Edith. Roger O. said he was not bound to answer, because "oxgangs" were contrary to the custom of the manor, which only recognized "acres and yardlands."

² W. Edrich failed to make his law (prove his case) against the Abbot, because he came with 6 backers when there should have been 12.

³ Roger de A. was fined 12d. for selling ale before the Tasters had tasted it.

⁴ Wether.

xxiis. William de Teuenhale fecit finem pro quadam parva pecia terre xxiis. Plegii Ricardus Cocus, Willelmus Osberin.¹

Summonitio. Breve. Galfridus le Peer optulit se versus Abbatem de Hales, qui non summonitus. Ideo summoneatur.

iii s. Willelmus de Teuenhale in misericordia pro transgressione.

Defalta. Rogerus Molendinarius, Johannes Budell, Thomas de la Hethe, Johannes de la Grene (vid.), Robertus de Houeleye, Philippus Hepe fecerunt defaltam. Ideo distringantur. Et condonantur per Senescallum quia pauperes preter Johannem de la Grene.²

Defalta xiid. Ricardus Koc in misericordia quia defecit in lege sua.

xiid. Thomas Drymond quia defecit pro eodem in misericordia.

346206 ii.]

43⁴ CURIA de Hales die Lune in crastino Clausi Pasche anno regni regis Edwardi iii^{to} [13 Ap. 1276].

Philippus de Hille per Hugonem filium Rogeri de Aula. primo. affidavit.

Ricardus de la Sute (?) per Rogerum le Waleys. primo. affidavit.

Thomas de Hille per Ricardum filium suum de communi. primo. affidavit.

Rogerus de Bosco per Rogerum filium Thome de communi. primo. affidavit.

Willelmus Thedrix per Johannem filium Willelmi versus dominum de lege vadiata. primo. affidavit.

Johannes filius Rogeri de la Heth per Johannem filium Rogeri de Aula de communi. primo. affidavit.

Johannes Budellus per Thomam filium Rogeri de la Hemme de communi. primo. affidavit.

¹ W. de T. gave 22s. fine for a little piece of land.

² Six men distrained for default. One fined 6d., and the rest forgiven by the steward because they were poor.

Willelmus le Brud per Johannem filium suum de communi. primo. affidavit.

Thomas Symon de Holdebr' per Willelmum Barthelod. primo. affidavit.

Johannes Borri de Holdebr' per Johannem filium Rogeri de communi. primo. affidavit.

Ricardus de Melleye per Willelmum filium suum de communi. primo. affidavit.

Willelmus le Lech per Willelmum filium suum de communi. primo. affidavit.

Rogerus Ordrix per Rogerum le Colyare versus Willelmum le Paumer et alios in Brevi. primo. affidavit.

Thomas Aleyn per Rogerum de Brerleye de communi. primo. affidavit.

Breve. Willelmus le Paumer Agnes uxor eius et Matildis soror dicte Agnetis optulerunt versus Rogerum Ordrix qui essoniavit.

Breve. Galfridus le Peer, secundo, et testificatur per ballivum quod summonitus [fuit] simpliciter et ipse non venit. Ideo consideratur quod summoneatur per testes.¹

Breve. Philippus filius Swayn de Wallockeshal optulit se versus Johannem filium Thome Borry de eadem in placito terre, qui facit defaltam. Ideo distringitur ad respondendum.

Solucio. Willelmus de Thewenhale habet diem solucionis de fine suo videlicet ad solvendum unam medietatem ad assensionem domini et aliam medietatem ad festum sancti Petri proximum post festum beati Johannis Baptiste, per plegios prius nominatos.

Seysina. Willelmus filius Rogeri Burnet fecit finem pro messuagio una acra et una placea nove terre ad habendum seysinam iis. et solvit.²

Destructio. Preceptum est destringere Philippum Waggestaf

¹ *Simpliciter.* The bailiff just told him to come. Next time he must do it before witnesses.

² New land, *i.e.*, taken into cultivation from the lord's waste.

ad satisfaciendum domino de serviciis que aretro sunt de tenemento quod tenet, post diem dominicam proximam.¹

R[escriptu]m. Thomas filius Ricardi habet diem ad faciendum legem ad proximam Curiam per r[escriptu]m senescalli.²

Condonati. Walterus filius Galfridi quia non optulit se cum lege ad Ingressum Curie. Ideo in misericordia.

Philippus Beleyambe pro eodem. In misericordia.

Willelmus de Theuenhal pro eodem. In misericordia.

Johannes filius Walteri pro eodem. In misericordia.

Walterus filius Galfridi pro eodem. In misericordia.³

(*These last five are "destricti ad sententiam" and "condonati."*)

Juratores. Dicunt super sacramenta quod Matildis le Felauwe iniuste non eiecit Ricardum le Coc de terra quam clamat habere ad terminum, qui aretro est. Ideo ipse pro falso clamio in misericordia, plegii Walterus Gefferay, Johannes Walters de Holdebey.⁴

In dorso]

Robertus de Houeleye reddit in manum domini terram novam pro qua solvit per annum *vid.* Et Johannes Pet, Mira uxor eius et Thomas filius eorundem veniunt et vocant ad warrantiam Johannem de Kouuice de licencia pro ingressu, et sic habent seysinam de predicta terra, et faciunt fidelitatem, et solvent per annum *vid.*

vid. Johannes Pet dat ad habendum escambium de predicta terra cum predicto Roberto de terra sua veteriori valente . . .⁵

Johannes de la Hemme fregit assisam. Ideo in misericordia.

Rogerus de Aula pro eodem, in misericordia.

¹ Philip has till Sunday to pay for services in arrear. If he fails he will be distrained.

² r^m is in the text in both places.

³ The last five (Walter, son of Geoffry, etc.) are in the same case. "Condoned" is written opposite Theuenhal, but it applies to all.

⁴ Matilda was justified in ejecting R. le Coc, because the term for which he was entitled to hold the land was past.

⁵ Pet paid the lord 6d. for leave to exchange the new land mentioned above for some older land of Robert's. The value is not filled in.

Thomas filius Sybille, Philippus de Weruel', Philippus Gerald, Ricardus Cocus, Ricardus le Coc, Johannes Steynulf, Rogerus in la More, Willelmus Ateleye, Johannes de Lappehol, Galfridus Louekoc, Ricardus de Nottewyk, Willelmus de Longeleye, Petrus de Aula, Aleyn de Tadinhurst, Thomas de Holdebr' [Oldbury].¹

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43⁵ CURIA de Hales die Lune proxima post festum Sancti Marci Ewangeliste anno regni regis Edwardi iii^o [27 April 1276].

Essonie. Philippus Gerard per Philippum filium suum. primo. affidavit.

Johannes le Bedel per Hugonem filium Rogeri de Aula. secundo. affidavit.

Thomas filius Ricardi de Oldebury per Thomam filium Philippi de Wyneshurst de lege vadiata. primo. affidavit.

Johannes de la Hephe de Lappole per Johannem filium Alani de Holies. primo.

Rogerus Ordrig per Johannem filium Rogeri versus Willelmum le Paumer et alios in brevi contentos. secundo.

Henricus de Honinton per Johannem le Walse. 1^o.

Willelmus Thedrych per Rogerum filium Willelmi de lege versus dominum. ii^{do}.

Willelmus le Brut per Willelmum filium Ricardi. ii^{do}.

Johannes Borri de Holdebery per Willelmum filium Willelmi.

Willelmus le Leche per Willelmum filium Thome.

Johannes filius Rogeri de Wallockeshale per Hugonem filium Rogeri.

Thomas filius Symonis per Thomam filium Johannis.

Philippus filius Roberti per Willelmum filium Allani.

Breve. Willelmus le Paumer Agnes uxor eius et Matild

¹ This seems to be a list of those present. It is not the the jurors in Coc v. Fellawe, for Coc is one of them.

dicte Agnetis [soror] optulerunt versus Rogerum Ordix, qui essionaviit secundo. et habent diem ad tres septimanas.¹

Breve. Galfridus le Peer optulit se versus dominum Abbatem, qui sommonitus fuit per testes et nunc facit defaltam. Ideo consideratur quod destringatur et remaneat ad sententiam plenam.²

Breve. Philippus filius Swayni optulit se versus Johannem filium Thome de Wallockeshale qui destrictus fuerat et replegiatus per se ipsum, et modo consideratur a curia quod destringatur et replegiatur per vicinum.³

Lex. Johannes Symund aculpatus de quodam porco quem retenet et receptavit ad domum suam contra libertatem domini et manerii. et idem contradicit de verbo ad verbum et vadiat legem. plegii de lege Swayn le Peer, Philippus Belejambe.⁴

Destrictio. Thomas Brid fecit plures defaltas. Ideo consideratum est a curia quod destringatur ad respondendum.

Destrictio. Willelmus de la Penne destringitur ad habendum Johannam uxorem suam ad respondendum de eo quod ipsa iniuste et contra libertatem retinet et conclavit medietatem unius porce que deberet esse de porcione domini et non presentavit meliorem bestiam suam que deberet dari pro herioto viri sui defuncti, sed conclavit ad dampnum Abbatis xx s.⁵

Destrictio. Philippus Waggestaffe destringitur ad satisfaciendum de omnibus serviciis que sibi aretro sunt de tenemento

¹ *Habent diem.* A day is fixed on which the case will come up again, viz., in three weeks' time.

² *Qui summonitus.* The use of relative clauses is very lax. Often it is only the sense which settles which party is meant, and sometimes that fails. Here it is Geoffrey le P. who was summoned, etc.

³ *Replegiare.* This does not seem to be the "replevin" of later times. Philip had been distrained without effect, and had given his own security for a further pledge. The court did not think that good enough, he must be again distrained and repledged by a neighbour.

⁴ Symund withholds a pig, and has harboured it at his house contrary to the liberty of the lord and manor. He contradicts the accusation and pledges his law.

⁵ W. de la Penne is distrained to bring his wife to answer for concealing a half share of a sow which ought to be the lord's portion, and for not giving the best beast as heriot on death of her former husband.

quod tenet et ad faciendum emendas domino de iniusta detentione.

Presentationes. Rogerus le Webbe et Henricus Sygrim foderunt marliam ad nocumentum vicinorum et ad purpresturam *vie regie*.¹

Henricus de aula astoppiavit quandam semitam ad nocumentum vicinorum de Romesleye et de Honeinton, qui distringitur pro transgressione.

Nicholaus Aleyn de Frankeley astoppiavit per cursum cuiusdam aque viam Regiam que ducit versus molendinum dicti Nicholai. Et terra predictae *vie* asportata est per predictum cursum pro defectu dicti Nicholai ad nocumentum vicinorum et patrie.²

Isabella filia Allani de Holdebr' que tenet de Thoma filio Ricardi de Holdebr' est consueta ad destruendum hayas super terras domini Abbatis et vicinorum.³

Misericordia vid. Robertus de la Louwe in misericordia quia false fecit presentari la Blackewelle esse Inclusam ad nocumentum vicinorum, qui distringitur ad sententiam.⁴

Misericordia. Tastores dicunt quod Ricardus de Nottewyk fregit assisam. Ideo in misericordia.

Item Ricardus de Syrlet fregit assisam similiter. Ideo in misericordia.

Debitum. Galfridus de Porta de Werueley dat ad levandum debitum suum de Roberto de Houeleye, et habent diem ad dominicam proximam. Et sinon faciat Ideo distringatur ad solvendum debitum.

¹ Presentments. Webbe and Sygrim dug marl to the hurt of the neighbours and encroachment on the king's highway.

² Nicholas Aleyn stopped the king's way to his mill by letting a water course wash it away to the hurt of the neighbours and the country.

³ Isabella, an under tenant of Thomas, is in the habit of destroying fences. No doubt by taking firewood from them.

⁴ Blackewelle was a spring in Honnington. At a court in August of the previous year it had been presented that the Abbot had blocked it (A., p. 69). Possibly this is the sequel, Lowe having been responsible for that presentment.

On a slip attached—

Philippus de Werueleleye, Thomas de Hille, Walterus Geffrey de Holdebr', Willelmus de Wallockeshal, Ricardus le Ken de Weruel', Thomas filius Sybill, Rogerus in Mora, Thomas filius Ade de Hilleleye, Robertus Atelowe, Henricus de Folefenne, Philippus de Wylinchehurste, Hugo de Hasilber', Petrus de Hale, Johannes Thedrich de Kackemor, Ricardus le Coc, Johannes Steynolf, Hugo de Mouwelouwe, Alanus de Tadinhurste, Willelmus Atehethe, Thomas Aleyn, Sewayn le Peer, Philippus Belejaumbe, Willelmus Alurid.¹

End of slip.

43⁶ CURIA de Hales die Lune proximo post assencionem anno Regni regis Edwardi iii^o [18 May 1276].

Thomas Simond de Oldebury per Henricum filium Roberti. iii. et invenit plegios venire ad proximam curiam, scilicet Philippum filium Roberti et Johannem filium Simonis.

Thomas filius Ricardi per Johannem filium Thome de lege vadiata. ii^o.

(Johannes filius Walteri per *struck out*.)

Johannes filius Willelmi de Holdebr'. i^o.

Walterus filius Galfridi per Henricum Thedrix. i^o.

Optulit. Johannes Budell per Robertum filium Luce. iii^o.

Optulit. Willelmus Thedrix per Willelmum Barthelot, plegii veniendi Sweyn le Peer, Philippus Waggestaffe.

Optulit. Thomas filius Sibille per Thomam filium suam. i^o.

Philippus Belegambe per Willelmum filium filii. i^o.

Optulit. Ricardus le Koc per Johannem filium suum. i^o.

Optulit. Johannes Thedrix per Ricardum filium Roberti. i^o.

Optulit. Philippus de Petweye per Johannem filium suum. i^o.

Optulit. Philippus filius Hugonis de Weruel' per Willelmum de la Leye. i^o.

Optulit. Ricardus de Melleye per Willelmum filium suum. i^o.

Optulit. Philippus de Hille per Johannem Mercenarium. i^o.

¹ Presumably a list of those present.

Willelmus Faber de Haldeber' per Thomam filium Roberti. i°.

Optulit. Petrus de Hale per Hugonem filium Rogeri. i°.

Optulit. Willelmus Ateleye per Galfridum de Kaldeweale. i°.

Optulit. Thomas Holf per Thomam de Hilleleye. i°.

Optulit. Rogerus Ketel per Rogerum¹ filium Rogeri. i°.

Optulit. Rogerus Atewod per Walterum filium Thome. i°.

Willelmus Bonde per Galfridum filium Willelmi. i°.

Rogerus Ordrix per Ricardum filium suum versus Willelmum le Paumer et alios in brevi, iii°. plegii Johannes filius Rogeri, Willelmus le Leche.

Johannes filius Thome Bory per Johannem filium Rogeri versus Philippum Sweyn in placito terre. i°.

Optulit. Willelmus le Brud per Nicholaum filium Thome. iii°. plegii² Ricardus filius Thome, Johannes filius Nicholai.

Breve. Galfridus le Peer optulit versus Abbatem de Hales in placito terre, qui facit defaltam. Ideo distringatur et remittatur ad suam plevinam.³

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Breve. Philippus le Sweyn optulit se versus Johannem filium Thome Borry qui essoniavit primo post simplicem summonitionem, per summonitionem per testes, per districtionem ad sui plevinam et per districtionem ad plevinam vicinorum et calumpniatur quod essonia non jacet, et Curia dicit quod potest essoniare.⁴

Breve. Willelmus le Paumer et alii in brevi optulerunt se versus Rogerum Ordrix in placito terre, qui tertio essoniavit.

Lex. fecit. Johannes Symon fecit legem contra Abbatem de

¹ Corrected from "Robert."

² Another "op" is inserted before "Ric.," which begins a new line. I think by mistake.

³ *Plevina* = pledge.

⁴ Philip offered himself against John, who essoined a first time after a simple summons, after a summons by witnesses, after distraint at his own pledge, and after distraint at the pledge of neighbours. And it was challenged that the essoin did not lie. And the court says he can essoin. In three places "per" should have been "post."

eo [quod] non receptavit quemdam porcum contra libertatem cum sexta manu. Ideo recedit quietus.

Finis. ius. Thomas Brid fecit finem cum domino Abbate ad habendum pacem per iiij^o annos de secta curie pro ii solidos quos solvit.¹

Destructio. Robertus de Hoveleye invenit plegium per se ipsum de proseguendo Hugonem de Porta in placito debiti. Ideo dictus Hugo destringitur ad respondendum.

Misericordia. Galfridus de Porta quia debito modo non prosequitur versus Robertum de Houeleye in placito. Ideo in misericordia. Plegii Ricardus Cocus, Henricus Brid.

Inquisitio. Willelmus de la Penne et Johanna uxor eius aculpantur de retentione unius vacce cum vitulo et de medietate cuiusdam porce cum exitu suo. Et inquisicio dicit quod non sunt culpabiles set de porca dicunt quod fugata fuit apud Peniford et ibi retinet ipsam porcā quidam Thomas de la Netherhend in iuste et sine iudicio dictam porcā retenuit contra voluntatem predictorum pro quodam debito. **Destructio.** Ideo consideratum est quod predictus Thomas destringatur ad respondendum pro transgressione.²

Misericordia. Robertus de Houeleye quia non prosequitur versus Hugonem de Porta in placito debiti sicut plegiatur per se ipsum. Ideo dictus Robertus in misericordia. Plegii Johannes Steynolf, Thomas Randolph. Et consideratum est quod dictus Hugo recedat sine die.

Misericordia. Presentatum de hutesio levato fuit per Edyth Proolle. Ideo consideratum est quod inquisitio capiatur si iuste vel non dictam huteseyam levavit. Interim venit quidam Johannes Steynolf qui fecit per in iuriam suam et maleficium

¹ Brid had not attended the required number of courts for 4 years.

² William and Joan his wife, accused of withholding a cow and calf and a half share of a sow and her young, were found not guilty. The sow had been driven to Peniford, where Thomas of the Netherend wrongfully and against their will retained it for a debt. Thomas is to be distrained to answer.

suum quod ipsa hutesiam levavit. Ideo idem Johannes in misericordia. Plegii Thomas Golfinch, Thomas Aleyn.¹

Misericordia. Thomas de Linacre braciavit et fregit assisam. Ideo in misericordia.

Misericordia. Willelmus Don braciavit et fregit [assisam]. Ideo in misericordia.

Misericordia. Johannes filius Johannes Geffray braciavit et fregit assisam. Ideo in misericordia.

Misericordia. Augnes de Tenhale braciavit et fregit assisam. Ideo ipsa in misericordia.

Misericordia. Rogerus de Aula braciavit et fregit assisam. Ideo in misericordia.

Misericordia. Radulfus de la Grene braciavit et fregit assisam. Ideo in misericordia.

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43⁷ CURIA de Hales die Lune proximo post translacionem Sancti Wulstani Episcopi anno regni regis Edwardi quarto [8 June 1276].

Essonie. Johannes Borri essoniavit se per Rogerum filium Rogeri.

Willelmus filius Willelmi Fabri.

Johannes filius Thome Burry de Wallockeshal per Hugonem filium Rogeri versus Philippum Sweyn de Wallockeshal in placito terre. secundo.

On a slip attached: Johannes Borri per Rogerum filium Rogeri ii^{do}.

Willelmus filius Willelmi fabri ii^{do}.

Philippus de Willinghur[st].

Thomas de Hulle per Ricardum filium suum. primo.

Philippus de Weruel'.

Willelmus Abovephebroc. per filium suum. i^o.

Willelmus le Therich per Robertum le freman. primo.

¹ An inquiry was ordered into the rights of a "hue" raised by Edith Proole. But the man, whose ill-doing had made her raise it, came and apparently took the blame. He is in mercy.

Willelmus Bonde de Oldebur' per Walterum filium Willelmi. secundo.

Simond Borri.

Philippus Belejambe per Thomam filium suum. secundo.

(Johannes fil. Wal *struck out*) Walterus filius Galfridi per (Johannem filium Walteri *struck out*) (de visu pacis habendo *written above*).¹

Johannes Walteri per Ricardum filium Roberti. primo.
Here ends the slip.

Breve. Willelmus le Paumer Agnes uxor eius et Matildis soror eiusdem optulerunt se versus Rogerum Ordrix, qui se optulit similiter et dicit quod non tenetur respondere de eo quod iidem Rogerus [*? error for Willelmus*] et alii fecerunt visum de toto crofto unde petunt inde arenda, non medietatem predicti crofti per narrationem suam. Et Rogerus Ordrix dicit de eo quod non concordant in narratione et visu suo. Ideo sibi videtur quod non tenetur respondere. et quod sic variant ponit se super curiam et visores. Et Willelmus et alii dicunt quod non fecerunt visum nisi de medietate predicti crofti et de hoc ponunt super curium et visores. Et Curia dicit quod fecerunt visum totius crofti et non de medietate. **Misericordia.** Ideo consideratur quod predicti W., A. et Matildis in misericordia et Rogerus inde sine die.²

Breve. Philippus Sweyn optulit se versus Johannem filium Thome de Wallockeshale in placito terre, qui essoniavit secundo.

¹ The second "Joh' fil. Walt" was possibly struck out in error. Above it is written "de visu pacis habendo." Walter, being charged with some neglect or offence which would put him outside the Abbot's peace, had asked for a "view" or inquiry into the matter.

² Roger in line 4 must be an error for William. William le Paumer, his wife and her sister offered themselves against Roger Ordrix, who offered himself likewise, and says he is not bound to answer, because William and the others viewed the *whole* croft from whence they seek rent and not the *half*, as in their statement. And Roger says that their statement and view do not agree and as to the variation he puts himself on the court and the viewers. William and the others say that only the half was viewed, and as to this they put themselves on the court and viewers. The Court says they made view of the whole and not of half. William, etc., are in mercy, and Roger goes hence *sine die*.

tamen essonia calumpniatur per Philippum de eo quod idem Johannes essoniavit eo die quod terra deberet capi in manu domini ad curiam preteritam quum ipse essoniavit.¹

Breve. Willelmus le Peer optulit se versus dominum Abbatem de Hales in placito terre qui de brevibus destrictus et repleviatus per vicinos quia idem non venit quum repleviatus destringatur per se ipsum.²

On a slip. Edwardus dei gratia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie dilecto sibi in Christo Abbati de Hales salutem. Cum Henricus Le Archer et Agatha uxor eius vos iamdiu est implacitaverint in Curia vestra de Hales de dote ipsam Agatham contingente de terris et tenementis in Aldebyr' que fuerunt Philippi le Pere quondam viri sui ac iidem Henricus et Agatha remedium aliquod in hac parte non fuerint assecuti licet ipsi iustitiam in hac parte sibi fieri a vobis pluries petierint. Vos eisdem Henrico et Agathe super premissis nichil hactenus facere curastis in ipsorum dampnum non modicum et exheredacionem manifestam. Quod ulterius sustinere nolumus sicut nec debemus. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod eisdem Henrico et Agathe tam plenam et celerem iustitiam in hac parte fieri faciatis ne pro defectu vestri aut ballivorum vestrorum iteratus clamor ad nos inde perveniat. propter quod manum ad hoc taliter apponemus quod vos ex inde non mediocriter sentietis gravatos. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xv^o die Maii anno regni nostri quarto.³ *End of slip.*

Districtio. Preceptum est destringere Walterum filium Galfridi ad sentenciam pro misericordia de eo quod non optulit

¹ The plaintiff challenges John's essoin because he made it on the day that the land ought to be taken into the lord's hand.

² Le Peer was distrained by writs and replevined by neighbours. Because he did not come when replevined, let him be distrained by himself.

³ The King to the Abbot. Henry the archer and Agatha his wife have now for a long time impleaded you in your court about her dower from her former husband Philip le Pere. Hitherto you have not cared to do anything for them, to their great loss and manifest disherison. We neither will nor ought to put up with this any longer, and we command you to do full and prompt justice. If we hear any more complaints of you or your bailiffs you will find our hand heavy upon you.

se cum lege sua ad ingressum Curie quam vadiavit versus dominum suum.

Item. Philippus Belejambe pro eodem destringitur ad sententiam.

Johannes filius Walteri pro eodem in misericordia et destringitur ad sententiam pro eodem.

iis. Willelmus atenasse¹ venit et dat iis. pro quadam terra de novo capta et reddit pro eodem per annum videlicet ad festum beati Johannis Baptiste 1 d. annui redditus.

Dimidiam Marce. Thomas Colling' et Alicia uxor eius veniunt et dant dimidiam marcam ad habendum seysinam de terra que fuit Rogeri de Lappehale et fecerunt feodelitatem de serviciis et consuetudinibus fideliter faciendis ad terminos subscriptos videlicet de medietate²

Dimidia Marce. Emma filia Rogeri de la Hethe venit et dat dimidiam marce ad habendum seysinam de una medietate predictae terre et fecit feodelitatem fideliter facere servicia et consuetudines ad certos terminos. et Thomas Colling' est plegius predictae Emme ad solvendum medietatem dimidie marce in festo sancti Petri apostoli proximo post festum sancti Johannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi quarto et aliam medietatem illo die in xv dies.

Misericordia. Willelmus Thedrix quia defecit in lege quam vadiavit versus dominum in placito transgressionis. Ideo ipse et plegii in misericordia. plegii Johannes Thedrix, Willelmus atelyche.

Misericordia. Rogerus Ordrix quia dixit quod mulier que portat breve in curiam non non³ deberet invenire plegios de breve proseguendo et non advocatur de Curia. Ideo in misericordia. plegii Thomas de la Brocke, Philippus Jurdan.⁴

¹ Atenasse = at the ash tree.

² The entry breaks off here, possibly because Emma (in the next entry) takes on half the land.

³ Non repeated in error.

⁴ "Roger said that a woman who brings a writ into court ought not to find pledges about prosecuting it, and is not recognized by the court" appears to be the meaning.

Respectus. Loquela que tangit Rogerum Ordrix ponitur in respectu usque ad proximam Curiam et est quod non idem Roger prostravit quemdam assartum quod levatum fuit per dominum Abbatem coram hostio dicti Rogeri.¹

Respectus. Walterus le Archer invenit Thomam le Archer plegium de proseguendo in placito transgressionis versus Adam le Keu, et idem attachiatur ad respondendum, qui presens optulit se et interim datur dies amoris usque ad diem amoris.

Lex facta. Thomas filius Ricardi venit et fecit legem de transgressione facta domino Abbati de serura fracta per ipsum cuidam domi imposita. Ideo quietus recedit.²

Clamor. Thomas Budell levavit clamorem super Walterum Geffry quod ipse fugam fecit cum quodam equo extra libertatem domini Abbatis ad evitandum ne namium caperetur super ipsum. Et consideratum est ad inquirendum si juste vel iniuste dictum clamorem levavit. Et ponitur in respectu.³

Attornamentum. Thomas filius Willelmi de Monte ponit loco suo Robertum Sumonitorem de negociis suis omnibus qui ipsum tangunt versus dominum Abbatem de Hales.⁴

Clamor. Philippus de Wilinchurste levavit clamor super latrones qui ad domum suam noctantur.⁵

Misericordia. Robertus de Houel' atachiat se in placito debiti versus Hugonem de Porta qui se optulit versus dictum Robertum. qui non venit. Ideo dictus Hugo inde sine die et dictus Robertus in misericordia.

¹ A case touching Roger O. is put off to the next court. It is that Roger levelled a dike (reading "fossatum" for "assartum." See next court) which had been thrown up by the Abbot opposite Roger's door. "Fossatum" means anything dug. Here it is a bank, and necessarily something of a ditch, but a steep sided bank to form a fence is the main thing.

² Thomas was acquitted of breaking the lock which the Abbot had put on a (vacant) house.

³ The Beadle raised the cry on Geffry because he sent a horse outside the manor to avoid its being taken in distraint.

⁴ Thomas appointed Robert the Summoner his attorney for all his affairs with the Abbot.

⁵ *Noctantur*, "come by night."

Misericordia. Tastatores. Ricardus de Nottewyke braciavit contra assisam. (Condonatur *in another hand.*)

Misericordia. vid. Philippus de Werueleye contra assisam. quietus.¹

Misericordia. Rogerus de Aula contra assisam vendidit et non misit post [ad] tastatores.

vid. **Misericordia.** Henricus Brid quia contra sectam cuiusdam sectatoris. Ideo in misericordia. plegius Philippus filius Hugonis. vid. quietus.²

Defalta. vid. Nicholaus Faber fecit defaltam. Ideo des-tringitur ad sententiam. Fecit finem pro vid.

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43⁸ CURIA de Hales die Martis proximo post festum sancti Johannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi quarto. [30 June 1276].

Optulit. Philippus Sweyn de Wallocushal optulit se versus J. filium Thome Borri de placito terre qui Essoniavit iii^o et calumpniatur essonia eo quod essoniator scilicet Humfridus de Piricote non est talis etatis ut possit aliquem essoniare, et inde curia debet considerare in proxima curia. Per considerationem curie.³

Optulit. Galfridus le Per optulit se versus Abbatem de Hales de placito terre, que terra seysiator in manu domini.

In respectu. Henricus le Archer et Agatha uxor eiusdem optulerunt se versus Abbatem de Hales, unde in respectum.

Districtio. Iterato preceptum est quod Walterus filius G. distringatur ad finiendum pro misericordia de eo quod optulit se pro lege sua ad ingressum curie quam vadiavit versus dominum suum.

Districtio. Item Philippus Belegambe districtus similiter.

Rogerus Ordr[ix] prostravit quoddam fossatum levatum per

¹ *Quietus.* "He is quit," *i.e.*, has paid his fine.

² May mean that Brid had challenged someone's qualification to attend the court.

³ If the person by whom the essoin was sent had to take oath that it was genuine, an age qualification is natural.

dominum Abbatem et essoniavit de secta tantum. Et calumpniatur quia non essoniavit versus dictum Abbatem.¹

vid. in misericordia. Walterus le Archer in misericordia pro falso clameo versus Adam coquum pro transgressione. finis *vid.*

Thomas le Budel levavit clamorem super Walterum T. quia ipse fugationem fecit cum quodam equo extra libertatem domini Abbatis et ne Namium caperetur. et consideratum fuit quod inquireretur utrum iuste vel iniuste dictum clamorem levavit. et adhuc est in respectum quia imprisonatur.²

Robertus de Ofley optulit se versus Hugonem de Porta in placito debiti et quia noluit prosequi contra ipsum. Ideo in misericordia et alius recessit sine die.

Finis vid. Thomas Tinctor dat domino Abbati sex d. ad habendum considerationem curie de fossato inter ipsum et Juliam de virid' et curia consideravit quod dicta Julia claudat sepem suam ita quod dictus Thomas dampnum recipiat de averiis dicte Julie non ipsa de averiis dicti Thome. Et dicta Julia habeat herbagium de dicto fossato suo extra sepem et extra fossatum per dimidiam pedem. Sed dictus Thomas non tenetur custodire averia sua de dicto fossato.³

Inquisitio. Inquisitio facta de sepe Willelmi le Kyng asportata et igne nocturno tempore comburata in parte, per Thomam filium H., Radulfum de Blakeley, Willelmum de Longeley, Ricardum le Kyng, Willelmum le Per, Galfridum le Per, Thomam le Pescheur. Et dicunt se inde nihil scire. **In respectu.** et petunt respectum usque ad proximam curiam et concessum est ei.⁴

¹ He essoined from ordinary "suit of court," and omitted to mention the summons for an offence.

² A horse sent outside the manor to escape distraint. The inquiry into the "cry" is respited, because the owner is in prison.

³ There is a dike between Thomas the Dyer and Julia of the Green. If Julia fails to shut her fence she is answerable for damage done to Thomas by her beasts, but he is not answerable for damage done by his to her. The grass of the dike and half a foot beyond belongs to Julia, but Thomas is not bound to keep his beasts off it.

⁴ W. King's fence is carried off and partly burnt in the night by a person or persons unknown. The Inquest asks time to find them out. At the next court they reported that William of Totteley and his family had done it. See p. 26.

Willelmus le Kyng de Longeley dat domino Abbati v solidos pro quadam placea terre extra portam dicti W. et unum d. annui redditus ad quatuor anni terminos.

Presentatum est quod J. Warinarius levavit clamorem super Aliciam uxorem Henrici filii Simonis et ipsa Alicia super ipsum J. **Habent diem.** Vicini habent diem ad proximam curiam ad respondendum utrum dictus clamor iuste vel iniuste fuit levatus et ob quam causam.

Temptatores de Holdebur' dicunt quod Wymarke vendidit contra assisam.

Galfridus de (Oakewey *struck out*) Porta similiter contra assisam iii d. quietus.

Thomas de Longeley similiter contra assisam, condonatur.

Temptatores. vj d. quietus. Johannes filius Alani de Tadunhurst contra assisam vendidit.

iii d. quietus. Ricardus de Sirlet similiter contra assisam.

Thomas Faber de Monte de Romusley dat domino Abbati sex denarios de introitu et unum d. annui redditus ad quatuor anni terminos pro quadam placea nove terre ad edificandum quandum fabricam et quandam domum juxta marleram de Honeford extra gardinum Julie de Marlera.¹

Isabella Feys dat domino duos solidos de introitu et unum quadrantem annui redditus ad festum beati Johannis Baptiste pro quadam placea nove terre extra portam dicte Isabelle.

Erit proxima curia in crastino beate Margarete.

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Essonie. Willelmus de Tenbrug per Adam filium Thome Walreuen de communi. secundo.

Rogerus Ord[ix[per Hugonem filium Rogeri de secta. primo.

Thomas filius Ade de Ylleley per Henricum fratrem suum de communi. i°.

Henricus de Honinton per Henricum Bulcot de communi. i°.

Thomas de Bauersfen per W. filium Thome de communi. i°.

J. filius Thome de Wallocshal versus Philippum filium Swyn

¹ Thomas the Smith is granted a plot of new land to build a smithy and house on, outside the garden of Julia of the marl pit

per Henricum de Pirc[ote] de placito terre. iii°. plegii Willelmus de Longel', Thomas de eadem.

Philippus Belegambe per Willelmum Barth[elot] de communi. iii°. plegii Willelmus Medicus, Philippus de Bosco.

Rogerus de Bosco de Haldebur' per Rogerum filium Thome de communi. i°.

Johannes Walter per Thomam filium P. de communi. iii°. plegii J. Fedric, Walterus de Twnhal.

Willelmus de Virid per Ricardum de Caldewelle de communi. i°.

J. filius Rogeri per Hugonem filium Rogeri de communi. i°.

Willelmus Modi per Rogerum filium W. de communi. i°.

Philippus de Putwey per J. filium suum de communi. i°.

Philippus filius Hugonis de Werueley per Galfridum de Caldewelle de communi. i°.

Adam de Pyrie per Thomam filium Thome de communi. i°.

Willelmus Osbert per Willelmum filium suum de communi. i°.

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43⁹ CURIA de Hales in crastino Sancte Margarete Virginis anno regni regis Edwardi quarto [21 July 1276].

Datus est dies usque ad proximam curiam J. filio Thome ad respondendum Philippo filio Swani de placito terre.

Inquisitio. Inquisitio de Radeuelle dicit quod Alicia uxor Henrici Simond levavit Hutesium iniuste super ballivum Abbatis. **Districtio.** Ideo consideratur quod dictus Henricus distringatur ad respondendum de transgressione uxoris sue.

de G. vi d. quietus. Willata de Ylleleye presentavit quod Galfridus (de Yllei *struck out*) filius Gilberti de eadem villa venit noctanter ad domum Thome filii Ade et iecit lapides ad ostium suum et Willelmus frater eius exivit et quilebet traxit sanguinem ab alio et Galfridus levavit hutesium unde ambo in misericordia.¹

² "G" (in margin)=Geoffrey. Geoffrey came by night and threw stones at Thomas' door. William, Thomas' brother, went out and they drew blood from each other, and Geoffrey raised "hue." Both fined.

Inquisitio. Inquisitio de Romesley dicit quod Walterus le Archer fecit vastum et destructionem de bosco Thome filii Hauysie de Laleye. ideo in misericordia. et quod vadiet emendam dicto Thome.

Idem Walterus dat domino Abbati xiid. ad habendum xii homines super inquisitionem predictam.

Essonia Rogeri Ordr[ix] calumpniatur sicut prius.

Districcio. Dicunt jurati de Wallokeshal quod Willelmus de Totteleye venit noctanter cum seuqela sua et comburavit hayam Willelmi le Kyng. Ideo adiudicatum est quod distringatur quam citius super feodum Abbatis.¹

Habet diem. Philippus le Kyng submonitus fuit ad veniendum ad curiam istam et est in defalta. et datus est dies usque ad diem dominicam proximam sequentem.

Misericordia condonatur. Thomas Bedellus in misericordia quia levavit hutesium iniuste.

Misericordia. Walterus filius Galfridi in misericordia. et quia noluit vadiare ideo distringatur.

Galfridus le Per optulit se versus Abbatem et Abbas fecit essionari se. et essonia calumpniatur.²

Tastatores servisie.

Misericordia. Thomas de Linacre in misericordia quia braciavit contra assisam.

Quietus. Ricardus de Scirelat in misericordia pro eodem.
Radulfus de Grene in misericordia pro eodem.

Quietus. Johannes filius Alani de Tadehur' in misericordia pro eodem.

Matilda de Volatu³ in misericordia pro eodem.

Thomas Faber de Monte in misericordia pro eodem.

Swanus le Per in misericordia pro eodem.

Philippus Beleiambe in misericordia pro eodem.

¹ See pp. 24, 33. Totteley seems to have had land both within and without the manor.

² The Abbot's essoin is challenged. He amends it at the next court. See pp. 28, 29, 31, 32.

³ "Of the Falconry."

Condonatur ii d. Willelmus le Per de Longeley in misericordia pro eodem.

Willelmus le Tench de Cakemore in misericordia pro eodem.

Agnes de Tenhal in misericordia pro eodem.

Rogerus de Aula quia non mandavit tastatores in misericordia, et pro assisa.

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Essonie. Abbas Martinus de Hales faciat essoniari se versus Galfridum le Per de placito terre per Ricardum le Spicere. i°. *affidavit*.

Henricus de Honiton per Thomam de Catteshulle. ii°. *affidavit*.

Johannes Borri de Oldebur' per Rogerum filium Rogeri. i°. *affidavit*.

Willelmus Bonde de Oldebur' per Walterum filium Willemi. i°. *affidavit*.

Thomas de Hulle per Philippum filium suum. i°. *affidavit*.

Rogerus Ketel per Rogerum filium suum. i°. *affidavit*.

Philippus de Waltereshurest per Walterum filium suum. *affidavit*.

Rogerus Ordrixg per Hugonem filium Rogeri. secundo. *affidavit*.

Johannes Simond de Oldebur' per Philippum filium suum. *affidavit*.

Rogerus de Bosco de Oldebur' per Willelmum Barthol[ot]. secundo. *affidavit*.

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43¹⁰ CURIA de Hales die Martis post festum sancti Laurencii anno regni regis Edwardi quarto. [11 Aug. 1276].

Essonie. Abbas Martinus de Hales per Rogerum filium Thome Walrewen versus Galfridum le Peer in placito terre. secundo. *calumpniatur*.

Philippus filius Thome *de Wallocheshal*¹ Waggestaf per Hugonem de Haula. i°.

¹ Marked as an error.

Willelmus de Teuenhale per Ricardum fratrem suum de communi. i°.

Ricardus de Seyrlet per Ricardum filium Johannis. i°.

Willelmus filius Ricardi de Teuenhal per Henricum filium Henrici Sygrim. i°.

Willelmus le Leche per Willelmum filium suum. i°.

Rogerus Ordrix per Adam filium Thome. plegii Rogerus Ketel, Philippus Belejaumbe. iii°.

Symon Borry per Philippum filium suum. i°.

Johannes Burry per Nicholaum filium Thome in placito terre versus Philippum filium Sweyn. primo.

Philippus de Werueley per Johannem filium W. le Freman. primo.

Willelmus filius Osberti per Willelmum filium suum. primo.

Johannes filius Rogeri de Wallockeshal per Willelmum filium Thome. primo.

Willelmus filius Henrici per Henricum filium suum. i°.

Willelmus filius Willelmi Fabri de Haldeber' per Johannem filium Willelmi. primo.

Henricus de Honinton per Johannem filium Hugonis. i°.

Philippus filius Swani per Henricum de Hilleleye in placito terre versus Johannem Burry. primo.

Destrictio. Item preceptum est quod Willelmus de Tutteleye destringatur si que de ipsis in feodo Abbatis inveniantur.

Item Henricus Symon destringitur ad respondendum quia uxor eius levavit hutesium super ballivum Abbatis quam citius venerit super feodum Abbatis.¹

Lex. Philippus le Kyng venit et vadiat legem versus Senescallum quod non conbussit hayas domini Abbatis apud Wallockeshale ad dampnum iiii.s. et pudorem dimidie marce et amplius. et sunt plegii de lege Ricardus Cocus, Willelmus Juvenis.

Breve. Galfridus le Peer petens optulit se versus (dominum *struck out*) Martinum Abbatem de Hales qui essoniavit et calumpniatur.

¹ Symon is to be distrained as soon as he comes within the manor.

Philippus le Sweyn petens in placito terre essoniavit versus Johannem Burr' qui essoniavit.

vid. Thomas Colling dat ad habendum inquisitionem si habere debeat utensilia principalia sicuti ipse desponsavit heredem seniore et specificat jumentum ollam eneam et cuuam magnam etc. Et curia dicit quod omnes sorores sicut unus heres debent inter se impartire omnia principalia que eas contingunt. Et quod ultima uxor habebit medietatem dicti Jumenti.¹

Inquisitio. Margeria la Wyte dat ad habendum inquisitionem sex denarios annui redditus ad duos anni terminos ad luminare beate Marie in ecclesia abbathie scilicet tres denarios in festo sancti Michaelis et tres denarios ad festum beate Marie in Marto utrum maius jus habeat in illa placia terre que vocatur la mersse quam Petronilla la Wyte tenet quam ipsa Petronilla que ipsam terram tenet.²

Tastatores dicunt super sacramentum quod Ricardus de Syrelet bis braciavit contra assisam. Ideo in misericordia.

Item Willelmus Thedrix viiies³ braciavit contra assisam. Ideo in misericordia.

Item Philippus Belejambe semel contra assisam. Ideo in misericordia.

Item Radulfus de Bl[a]keinhall pro eodem in misericordia.

Rogerus Ordrix pro eodem in misericordia.

Wymarcke R.⁴ Rugehacere pro eodem in misericordia.

Thomas de Putweye pro eodem in misericordia.

¹ Colling paid 6*d.* to have an inquiry whether he ought to have the chief belongings of his wife's parents, seeing she was the eldest daughter. He specified a mare, a brass pot, and a large vat. The court says that all the sisters make one heir and ought to share alike, and that his late wife will have a half share of the mare.

² Sixpence a year to the lamp of the Blessed Virgin in the Abbey church seems like an attempt to bribe.

³ Either "*viiies*" or "*viiies*." The writer is not one who dots his *i*, nor is any of them given a tail to show whether he means "*septies*" or "*octies*." It is written just as though it were "*umes*." Seven or eight times is remarkable in one presentment.

⁴ R. ? error for "*de*."

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Curia. Datus est dies Curie die Martis post festum sancti Egidii Abbatis anno regni regis Edwardi quarto. *This is struck out.*

43¹⁰ CURIA de Hales die Mercurii post festum Nativitatis beate Marie Virginis anno regni regis Edwardi quarto. [9 Sep. 1276].

Essonie. Martinus Abbas de Hales essoniavit se versus Galfridum le Per de placito terre per Johannem Enarr[ium]¹ tertio. Plegii Rogerus de Aula, Willelmus Junior.

Philippus Harald per Rogerum filium Johannis le Waleis. i°.

Philippus Jordan per Adam filium Budelli.

Galfridus de Porta per Reginald le Cok.

Johannes de Huyteleye per Nicholaum fratrem eius.

Willelmus Bouebrok per Willelmum filium suum.

Johannes Burri per Rogerum filium Rogeri de Walloks'.

Phelippus Bigge per Nicholaum Juniorem contra Johannem Burri de Wallokshal de placito terre. ii°.

Willelmus Fremon de Oldebur' per Henricum filium suum.

Willelmus filius Willelmi de Tewenhal per Philippum de Radewell de communi. ii°.

Johannes filius Thome de Wallokeshal per Hugonem filium Rogeri de placito terre contra Phelippum Bigge. ii°.

Rogerus de Bosco de Oldebury per Willelmum Berthelot de communi. i°.

Ricardus de Ylleley per Galfridum de Ylleley filium Giberti de communi. i°.

Philippus de Wultershurst per Walterum filium suum de communi. i°.

Johannes Steignulf per Rogerum filium Ade de Ylleley de communi. i°.

Breve. Matild de Porte² et Willelmus Paumer et Agnes uxor eius invenerunt plegios de proseguendo breve suum versus Rogerum Ordric. Plegii Matildis et aliorum Willelmus Junior

¹ The Abbot's essoiner is John the Brassworker.

² Matilda de Porte has hitherto appeared as M., sister of Agnes.

Willelmus de Heth. Et consideratum est quod dictus Rogerus summoneatur et dictus Willelmus le Paumer.

Galfridus le Per petens obtulit se versus Martinum Abbatem de Hales qui essoniavit iii°. et calumpniatur.

Philippus Suanus petens essoniavit se versus Johannem Burri qui summonitus essoniavit ii°. et dictus J. postea optulit se et warantizavit essoniam.

Huthesium. Thomas filius Ricardi de Oldebur' et alii eiusdem ville presentaverunt quod Willelmus de Chiselhurst et Amicia Bude famuli Willelmi Yedrich rixati fuerant adinvicem et Willelmus de Chiselhurst percussit ipsam et ipsa levavit huthesium, et ideo Willelmus Yedrich vadiavit misericordiam pro dicto famulo suo, et consideratum est quod retineat stipendia dictorum famulorum.¹

Duplex huthesium. Ricardus Cok et alii de Rugacre presentaverunt quod Ricardus frater Matilde le Felawes per ipsam Matildam levavit huthesium super Willelmum filium Ricardi de Tewenhal, et Johannes filius Ricardi Cok levavit huthesium super dictam Matild' per ipsum Ricardum Cok, et consideratum est quod omnes dicti attachiantur ut veniant ad proximam curiam.

Henricus le Archer facit plenum rectum Thome de la Leye de destructione tenementi sui, et invenit plegios Johannem de Tadehurst et Ricardum le Bonde.

Huthesium. Alanus de Tadenhurst et alii de Romesl' presentaverunt quod Walterus le Archer verberavit Hawisiam de la Lewe ita quod dicta Hawisia levavit huthesium et consideratum est quod predicti attachiantur ut veniant ad proximam curiam.

Misericordia. Et postmodo venerunt et Walterus vadiavit misericordiam et invenit plegios Thomam de Linacre, Alanum de Tadenhurst.

Et Henricus le Archer invenit plegios ad faciendum plenum rectum, Philippum de Oldebur et Ricardum le Bonde. (*This is partially erased.*)

¹ William and Amicia, servants of W. Yedrich, quarrelled. William struck her and she raised the "hue." Yedrich guaranteed William's fine. He may stop it out of their wages.

Iterum preceptum est quod Willelmus Tutteley distringatur si que de ipsis in feudo Abbatis invenientur.

Iterum preceptum est quod Henricus Symon distringatur ad respondendum quia uxor eius levavit huthesium super Ballivum Abbatis quam citius venerit super feudum Abbatis.¹

Misericordia. (Johannes filius Galfridi Walter habuit *struck out*). Walterus filius Galfridi in misericordia quia defecit de Lege. Plegii Thomas filius Ricardi de Oldebur', Johannes filius Walteri de eadem.

Philippus Beleiambe, Thomas Ricard, Rogerus Ordreich, Johannes filius Walteri fecerunt legem suam et ideo recesserunt quieti.

Districtio. Willelmus Rex distringitur ad veniendum ad proxmam curiam ad respondendum domino de defalta et Philippus Belle de transgressione. ii Sol. Et dictus Philippus dat domino Abbati ii solidos pro inquisicione.

Johannes filius Osberti conqueritur de Willelmo fratre suo quod iniuste detinet ei duos selliones terre contra conventionem inter eos factam. Willelmus negat et vadiavit ei legem et dicit ei quod nunquam aliquam terram ei concessit. et sunt plegii legis Willelmus filius Ricardi de Tewenhal, Willelmus de la Lewe.²

Tastatores. Tastatores dicunt quod Wymarch contra assisam. Thomas de Putwey contra assisam. Phelippus Beleiambe contra assisam. Rogerus de Aula ter contra assisam.

Alii tastatores dicunt quod Julia de Hunnintun contra assisam, et Henricus filius suus similiter.

Et Johannes de Tadenhurst contra assisam.

Et Matild de Volatu contra assisam.

Et Ricardus de Sirlet contra assisam.

Et Radulfus de Grene contra assisam.

Rogerus filius Rogeri Ketel fregit parcamentum domini de duobus equis et fugavit illos de de curia domini. Unde con-

¹ See p. 26.

² John Osbert complains that his brother William withholds 2 selions from him contrary to agreement. William says he never granted him any land. See p. 35.

sideratum est quod destringatur ad veniendum ad proximam curiam.¹

Thomas filius Ade de Yllelye acopiatur ad proximam curiam quia portavit ligna que portaverunt retia piscatoris domini Abbatis.²

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43¹² CURIA de Hales die Mercurii proximo post festum Sancti Michaelis anno regni regis Edwardi quarto. [30 Sep. 1276.]

Essonie. Philippus de Putteweye per Johannem filium suum. i°.

Optulit. Henricus de Honinton per Henricum filium suum. i°.

Optulit. Thomas filius Hugonis per Philippum le Herl. i°. Johannes le Chylt de communi. i°. per Nicholaum de Bruario.

Optulit. Ricardus de Volatu per Rogerum de Valeys. i°.

Optulit. Rogerus de Bosco per Rogerum filium Thome. ii°.

Optulit. Willelmus Medicus per Ricardum filium Johannis. i°.

Optulit. Philippus de Woltereshurst per Adam filium Thome Bedell. ii°.

Optulit. Simond de Oldeburi per Philippum filium suum. i°.

Willelmus filius Ricardi de Teunhale per Willelmum filium Osberti. i°.

Ricardus Cocus per Willelmum filium suum. i°.

Johannes filius Thome de Walluckyshale per Johannem filium Rogeri de Aula de placito terre contra Philippum Sweyn. i°. et Philippus Sweyn apparuit.

Breve. Rogerus Ordrihc per considerationem curie debet somonari per sectam vicinorum contra Matildam de Porta et alios in brevi domini Regis nominatos.

¹ Roger Ketel broke the pound and took out two of his horses, which he drove outside the manor. See pp. 35, 38.

² *Acopiatur*? a variant of "capiatur." Thomas was to be arrested and brought to the next court because he took away the stakes which carried the nets of the Abbot's fisherman. See p. 35.

Villata de Romesley presentant effusionem sanguinis contra Ricardum Leg et intravit domum Henrici de Medue et male se habuit. unde consideratum est quod fecit defaltam. et destringatur pro defalte et compareat ad proximam curiam.

Loquela inter Willelmum Osbert et fratrem suum ponitur in respectu usque ad aliam curiam, quod sint in eodem statu sequi [quo] prius,¹ salvo iure domini. Et ad hoc Willelmus invenit plegium Thomam filium Sibili.

Breve. Galfridus le Per optulit se contra Abbatem et petiit medietatem unius messuagii et duarum bovetarum terre cum pertinenciis in Oldebur'. Et Abbas apparuit et resspodit quod non tenebatur resspondere Galfrido neque brevi, cum carta domini Regis quam habet non permittit ipsum inplacitari de aliquo nisi coram domino Rege aut capitali Justiciario suo. Et curia noluit considerare an deberet respondere. Et ipse petiit quomodo deberet recedere. Et noluerunt aliquod indicium contra cartam dare. Et recessit Abbas sine die.²

Rogerus Ketel (est ad legem *struck out*) invenit plegios quod si possit probari quod filius eius fecit ascapiare namyam de et averia sua et aliorum sua fatuitate, quod pater suus debet emendare illud. Plegii inde Johannes filius Nicholai et Willelmus Gilbert.³

Item Thomas⁴ filius Ade Faris de postis et de atagiis juxta vivaria et si possit inquiri invenit plegios ad emendacionem

¹ They are to be in the same position to follow up the suit as before.

² Geoffry le Per sought the half of a messuage and 2 bovates, etc. The Abbot appeared and said he was not bound to answer, since he has a charter from the King which does not allow him to be impleaded except before the King or his Chief Justice. The court refused to consider whether he ought to answer. And the Abbot asked how he ought to leave the court (*i.e.*, with the verdict for or against him), and they refused to give any judgment against the charter. So the Abbot left *sine die*. This looks like the other half of the land Ordrix and Palmer were contending about.

³ Roger Ketel undertook to put it right if it could be proved that, by the stupidity of his son, cattle impounded as pledges, both his own and other people's, were let free. See pp. 33, 38.

⁴ Thomas (*see above*, p. 34) undertook to make amends about the posts and fastenings by the fishponds, if it could be inquired into.

facienda[m]. Plegii inde Robertus le Sominor, Johannes filius Nicholai de Illeleye.

Item preseptum est quod Willelmus Rex inveniatur plegios de filiastro suo secundum veredictum duodesim Juratorum.

Quietus. Tastatores dicunt quod Johannes Aleyg contra assisam.

Item Rogerus de la More contra assisam.

Item uxor Thome le Sclattere contra assisam.

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Nomina Juratorum.

Thomas filius Sibille, Philippus Prutel, Philippus de Hulle, Johannes Phedrig de Kackemor, Thomas de Longeleye, Ricardus le Cocus de Werueleye, Ricardus le Coc de Rugacre, Johannes de Lappole, Henricus de Honinton, Alanus de Tadehur', Hugo de Haselbur', Roger Ketel, Henricus de Medeue, Willelmus Gregori, Johannes Oniet, Robertus de la Loue, Willelmus Attehephe, Philippus Putteveye.

Dicunt Jurati quod Petronilla filia Johannis Ordrig scepit duas vaccas ad domum Gregori de Smephevike et fugavit ipsas apud Evesham. et ipse Gregorius pro se cuius fuit catalla sua apud Evesham, et ipsa cepit fugam, et ipse fecit finem cum ballivis pro averiis suis.¹

Item dicunt Jurati quod Willelmus de Tenhal verberavit Robertum Scord. unde consideratum est quod destringatur ad veniendum ad proximam curiam.

Item dicunt Jurati quod Agnes le Teyng est maritata sine licencia domini. Unde consideratum est quod destringatur.

Datus est dies Juratis quis seminavit terras in porprestura domini et habent diem usque ad proximam curiam ad respondendum.²

¹ For *pro se cuius* read *prosecutus*. Petronilla took two cows at the house of Gregory of Smethwick and drove them to Evesham. Gregory pursued them there. Petronilla took flight, and Gregory settled with the bailiffs for his cattle.

² The jury is given a day by which it must find out who has encroached on the lord's lands in sowing.

Dicunt tastatores servisie quod omnia se bene habent preter Rogerus de Aula.

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43¹³ CURIA de Hales die Mercurii proximo post festum sancte Luce Ewangeliste anno regni regis Edwardi quarto. [21 Oct. 1276.]

Swanus le Per recognovit quod levavit unam haiam in porprestura super Abbatem et ipse vadiavit emendam.¹

Essonie. Rogerus de Mora per Adam famulum suum. i°.

Petrus de Halen per Johannem filium Nicholai. i°.

Thomas de Ylleleye per Rogerum fratrem suum. i°.

Willelmus Bonde de Oldebur' per Walterum filium Willelmi. i°.

Philippus Jordan per Ricardum le Bedel. i°.

Johannes filius Thome Borri essoniavit se per Willelmum filium Thome versus Philippum filium Swein de placito terre. ii°.

Thomas de Halen per Thomam filium Thome. i°.

Willelmus le Paumer essoniavit se versus Rogerum Ordrigx de placito terre per R. filium R. i°.

Thomas de Hull per Hugonem filium Rogeri de Aula.

Philippus de Werueley per Willelmum le Fremon. i°.

Willelmus Leuered per Hugonem filium suum. i°.

Willelmus filius Willelmi de Thenhal per Ricardum fratrem suum. i°.

Abbas Martinus essoniavit se versus Galfridum le Per de placito terre. i°.

Willelmus filius Ricardi de Tenhal per Henricum le Fremon. ii°.

Walterus filius Galfridi de Oldebur' per Philippum filium Thome. i°.

Willelmus Gilbert per Henricum fratrem suum. i°.

Philippus de Putteueye per Thomam filium suum. i°.

Philippus filius Roberti de Oldebur' per Walterum fratrem suum. i°.

¹ An encroachment by putting up a fence.

Philippus Swein optulit se versus Johannem Borri de Wallokeshal de placito terre, et Johannes essoniavit.

Matilda de Porte et Augnes soror eius optulerunt se versus Rogerum Ordrigx. et Rogerus Ordrig fecit defaultam. et consideratum est quod dictus Rogerus distringatur et deliberetur ad propriam plevinam.

Consideratum est quod Matilda le Felau et Willelmus filius Ricardi de Tenhal destringantur ad proximam curiam.

Misericordia vi d. Preceptum est quod Willelmus le King faciat emendam Philippo Bele ad considerationem totius curie, et ut sit in misericordia versus dominum.

Misericordia vi d. Willelmus Phir de Weruel' et frater eius sunt concordati adinvicem, et frater eius est in misericordia.

Præceptum est destringere Robertum de Oueley quod emendat versus dominum quod vendidit unam domum sine licencia domini.

Willelmus le Teining concessit in plena Curia Willelmo le Archer cum Juliana filia sua medietatem totius tenementi sui (ita quod serviant sibi *struck out*) et totum post mortem suam et uxoris sue ita quod serviant sibi dum simul stant et si simul stare non possunt habebunt medietatem et stabunt per se excepto capitali domo. et dat domino xii s.¹

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Nomina Juratorum. Rogerus Ketel, Willelmus de Linacre, Johannes Nicholai, Ricardus filius Amicie, Robertus de Loue, Thomas Steynulf, Ricardus de Melleye.

Dicunt Jurati quod Rogerus le Ketel non est culpabilis quod deberet frangere aparcamentum domini. et non fecit, et recessit quietus.

⁵ *A Marriage Settlement.* William Teining granted in full court to W. the Archer with Juliana his daughter half his whole tenement and the whole after the death of himself and his wife, on condition that they serve him so long as they dwell together, and, if they cannot stand living together, they (the Archers) shall have half of all except the capital house, and live by themselves. Fine 12 s.

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43¹⁴ CURIA de Hales die Martis scilicet in vigilia beati Martini
Episcopi Anno regni regis Edwardi quarto [10 Nov. 1276].

Essonie. Abbas Martinus de Hales essoniavit se per Ricardum filium Thome Bedelli versus Galfridum le Per de placito terre. ii°.

Ricardus filius Thome de Ylleleye per Adam filium Bedelli. i°.

Thomas Olf per Gilbertum filium suum. i°.

Willelmus le Paumer essoniavit se versus Rogerum Ordrig de placito terre per Thomam filium Willelmi de Aurgate. ii°.

Agnes uxor Willelmi le Paumer essoniavit se versus Rogerum Ordrig de eodem per Henricum filium Thome. i°.

Matilda de Porte essoniavit se versus dictum Rogerum de eodem per Rogerum filium Rogeri de Brerleye. i°.

Willelmus filius Ricardi de Tenhal essoniavit se versus Robertum Scort et Matildam le Felaue de placito transgressionis. i°.

Willelmus filius Willelmi de eadem per Philippum de Radeuelle. i°.

Galfridus le Per essoniavit se versus Abbatem Martinum de placito terre, per Hugonem filium R. de Aula. i°.

Johannes Borri essoniavit se versus Philippum filium Swaini de placito terre et contra preceptum domini Regis, per Willelmum filium G. iii°. Et Invenit plegios ad habendum varantum suum ad proximam curiam. Plegii Ricardus le Coc et Thomas filius Ricardi.

Thomas filius Ade de Ylleleye per Henricum fratrem suum. ii°.

Philippus de Hulle per J. filium Johannis. i°.

Thomas Harald per Nicholaum de Haselbur'. i°.

Ricardus de Melleye per Willelmum filium suum.

Willelmus Phedrig per Willelmum filium Willelmi. i°.

Johannes Borri de Oldebur' per (T. filium, *error*)¹ Willelmum filium Thome. i°.

¹ This scribe would have had "Willmi" and not "Willm" if he had meant "T. f." to stay in.

Willelmus Fremon de Oldebur' per Henricum filium suum. i°.

Johannes filius Rogeri per Rogerum filium Rogeri. i°.

Philippus de Woltereshurst per Ricardum filium Johannis. i°.

Philippus Belle per Rogerum filium R. de Lenhal. i°.

Rogerus de Bosco per Rogerum filium Thome. i°.

Willelmus Osbern per Willelmum filium suum. i°.

Rogerus de Cradeley per Heliam Crofte de secta curie. i°. calumpniatur.

Johannes filius Nicholai de Ylleleye per Ricardum filium Willelmi. i°.

Robertus de Oueleye per Rogerum le Saltere. i°.

Districtio. Willelmus filius Ricardi de Tewenhale distringitur venire ad respondendum de effusione sanguinis de Roberto Schort in le Lythewode.

Presentatum est per Willatam de Werueley quod hutesium erat levatum per ballivum regis super Galfridum de Porta quia noluit deliberare eis namium. Unde consideratum est quod inquiratur per viscos utrum levatum erat juste vel iniuste. Iterum hutesium levatum erat inter Swanum le Per et filias Alani de Oldebury. Inquiratur per vicinos quis sit culpabilis. Iterum inquiratur per viscos quis sit culpabilis de hutesio levato in grangia Philippi filii Roberti de Oldebury.

Iterum hutesium levatum erat per famulam¹ Willelmi filii Willelmi de Thenhal. inquiratur quis sit culpabilis.

Jurati. Dicunt Jurati quod filie Alani de Oldebur' sunt culpabiles de Hutesio levato inter ipsas et Swyeni le Per. Unde consideratum est per totam curiam quod dicte mulieres sint in misericordia et facient emendam Swano le Per quia fecerunt excussum.²

Datus est dies Juratis usque ad proximam curiam ad respondendum quis sit culpabilis de hutesio levato apud Werueleye et Rughacre.

Dicunt Jurati quod Thomas Simond et Walterus filius

¹ There is nothing to show whether it was a man or maidservant who raised the "hue." It may be "famulum."

² *Excussum*, ? for *excursum*, "attack."

Galfridi fecerunt purpresturam super terram domini apud Tottford unde consideratum est quod faciant emendam domino secundum delictum suum.

Thomas Simond et Walterus filius Galfridi vadiaverunt emendam domino. Plegii Johannes Walteri, Simond Borri de Walkeshal.

(Philippus de Wil *struck out*.)

Finis vid. Dicit curia quod homines de Romesley sint destricti ad veniendum ad proximam curiam ad respondendum quare venerunt ad curiam istam.¹

(Willelmus presentatus est *struck out*)² conquestum est nobis per fratrem J. de Radeuelle quod pastura domini Abbatis per averia sua destructa est et blade sue destructe sunt.

Misericordia ii s. Dicunt tastatores servisie quod Philippus de Hulle braciavit parvam servisiam ideo in misericordia.

Misericordia vid. Iterum Willelmus de Longel' in misericordia pro parva.

43¹⁵ CURIA ibidem die Martis in crastino Sancti Andree Apostoli anno supradicto. [1 Dec. 1276.]

Ricardus filius Thome de communi per Johannem filium Willelmi. i°.

Philippus de Weruele de communi per J. filium Willelmi. i°.

Willelmus Thedrich de communi per Ricardum filium Roberti. i°.

Rogerus Ketel de communi per Rogerum filium suum. i°.

Philippus de Puttewey per Johannem filium suum. i°.

Rogerus Ordrich versus Willelmum la Palmer et alios nominatos in brevi de placito terre per W. Barth[elot]. i°.

¹ This is obscure as it stands, but becomes clear if *non* is added after *quare*, "to answer why they did not come to this present court."

² The scribe possibly forgot that he had struck out William, and so did not put any name. It seems to be the same affair as that for which William of Tewenhale pledged his law at the next court. (p. 43.)

Robertus de Ouele de communi per Johannem Walensem. i°.¹

J. filius Rogeri de Wallokeshal de communi per Hugonem filium Rogeri. ii°.

Willelmus Aluurad de communi per Hugonem filium suum.

Walterus filius G. de communi per Willelmum filium Thome.

Galfridus de Porta de communi per Hugonem filium Rogeri.

Simon de Oldebury de communi per Philippum filium suum.

Abbas M. de placito terre versus G. le Per per Willelmum del Hay, plegium.

Breve. Philippus filius Sweyn de Wallokeshale narravit versus Johannem filium Thome Borri et exigebat terram in brevi contentam. **Dies visus.** et dictus J. negando jus suum petiit visum terre et per considerationem Curie habet diem visus Sabbato post festum sancti Nicholai.²

Respectus. Galfridus filius Philippi le Per optulit se versus Abbatem Martinum essoniatum et sic remanet.

Respectus. Matilda de Porte, Willelmus le Paumer et Augnes uxor eius optulerunt sec versus Rogerum Ordrich essoniatum, quare remanent.

Misericordia. Willelmus de Lynnacre levavit hutesium iniuste, quare vadiavit misericordiam. Plegius Henricus de Honewynton.

Quietum clamatio. Thomas Steynulf et Lucia uxor eius remiserunt et quietum clamaverunt ad officium Vestiarii de Hales duos seyliones terre jacentes juxta Pendelston imperpetuum. Et dicta Lucia abiuravit totum clamium quod habet in dicta terra vel habere potest post obitum dicti Thome.³

¹ John the Welshman.

² Philip Sweyn set out his case against John Borri and demanded the land mentioned in the writ. John denied his right and asked for a view of the land. The court gave him a day of view, the Saturday after S. Nicholas, *i.e.*, Dec. 12.

³ A gift of land to the office of the Vestiary, or Sacrist, of the Abbey. A selion was the ridge of land between two furrows and contained no certain quantity.

Veredictum. Dicunt Jurati quod Willelmus de Tewenhale non fuit culpabilis de Hutesio levato super bedellum.

Misericordia. Dicunt Jurati quod Galfridus de Porta fuit culpabilis de hutesio levato per ballivum domini regis.¹

Lex. Willelmus de Tewenhale junior vadiavit legem quod non destruxit blada Abbatis apud le Western nec abduxit unam hesam per quam averia diversa intraverunt ad blada dicti Abbatis ad dampnum Abbatis nec fregit hayam suam ad deteriorandum blada Abbatis. Plegii Ricardus le Coc, Thomas filius Sibille.²

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Districtio. Matilda le Felawe districta est veniendum ad respondendum de hutesio levato inter ipsam et Willelmum filium Ricardi de Tewenhale. **Dies amoris.** Et postea datus est dies concordandi citra proximam cuiam dictis Wilhelmo et Matilde salvo jure domini.

Edith Blanch et soror eius tradiderunt domino unam acram terre iacentem juxta moram Willelmi Dun. et dominus vendidit illam terram Philippo de Wilinghurst, reddendo annum redditum undecim solidorum.

Dicunt tastatores servisie quod omnia bene se habent.

43¹⁶ CURIA de Hales die Martis proximo post festum Sancte Lucie Virginis anno quo prius. [15 Dec. 1276.]

Willelmus de Longeley per Adam filium Thome Bedelli. i°.

Johannes Nicol per Ricardum filium Thome Bedelli. i°.

Ricardus de Melleye per Willelmum suum. i°.

Willelmus Gilber per Rogerum fil. R. Ketel. i°.

Rogerus Ketel per Henricum filium Willelmi. ii°.

Rogerus de Bosco [per] Galfridum filium Willelmi.

¹ Geoffry had refused to deliver a pledge to the King's bailiff. See p. 40.

² William of Tewenhale the younger pledged his law that he had not destroyed the Abbot's corn at the Western, nor taken away a fence and let in diverse cattle, nor broken his hedge. See p. 45.

Abbas M. de Hales essoniavit se de servicio domini Regis versus G. le Per de placito terre per Robertum Bate.¹

Matilda le Felaues per Johannem le Wal[ey]. i°.

Rogerus Ordrix versus Willelmum le Paumer et Agnetem et Matildam de placito terre. per Ricardum filium Roberti. ii°.

Thomas Harald per Rogerum filium Rogeri de Wallokeshal. i°.

Johannes Borri de Wallokeshal versus Philippus Sweyn de placito terre per Hugonem filium Rogeri. i°. scilicet post visum terre.

Henricus Brid per Walterum filium Philippi de Woltereshurst. i°.

Willelmus le Mire per Willelmum filium suum. i°.

Johannes Borri de Oldebury per Willelmum filium Thome. i°.

Willelmus Fremon per Henricum filium Thome. i°.

Willelmus de la Grene per Philippum filium Thome Swani. i°.

Sweyn le Per per Philippum filium Simonis. i°.

Willelmus filius Ricardi de Tenhal per Willelmum Trappe. i°.

Simond Borri de Oldebur' per Philippum le Per. i°.

Philippus de Putteuei per Thomam filium suum. ii°.

Johannes Simond per Rogerum Goldfink. i°.

Philippus filius Swani optulit se versus Johannem Borri de Wallokeshal de placito terre. et alius essoniavit.

Presentatum est per Willatam de Rugacre de hutesio levato ad domum Vimark eo quod Alicia de Schiselhurst furata fuit unum rasum frumenti et dimidiam rasi pisarum et domum suam illuminavit et postea fugit extra comitatum quod attachiari non potuit. Et preceptum est quam citius poterit inveniri atachietur.²

Galfridus le Per optulit se versus M. Abbatem de

¹ The Abbot essoined because on the King's service. Four excuses were good, *de malo lecti*, *de malo veniendi*, *de ultra mare* and *de servicio Regis*.

² Alice of Chiselhurst having stolen a measure of corn and half a measure of pease, set fire to her house and fled the county. She is to be arrested as soon as she can be found.

Hales de placito terre et Abbas essoniavit de servicio domini Regis.

Willelmus le Paumer et sui consortes optulerunt se versus Rogerum Ordrig de placito terre.

Willelmus de Tenhal fecit legem suam et recessit quietus eo quod nec Abbas nec viscini eius non receperunt aliquod dampnum per se.¹

Presentatum est per Villatam de Verueleye de deprecacione et hutesio levato en la luteuode² per deprecatores. Unde preceptum est attachiare ipsos quam citius inveniri possunt.

Dicunt tastatores servisie quod omnia se bene habent post ultimam curiam.

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43¹⁷ CURIA de Hales die Martis proximo ante festum Sancti Yllarii anno regni regis Edwardi quinto. [12 Jan. 1277.]

Essonie. Johannes Steinulf per Rogerum filium Ade. i°.

Ricardus le Coc per Willelmum filium suum. i°.

Optulit. Johannes Phedrix per Henricum Phedrix. i°.

Optulit. Thomas le Archer per Reginald Coc. i°.

Optulit. Willelmus Bonde per G. filium Willelmi. i°.

Optulit. Walterus filius Galfridi per Willelmum filium Thome. i°.

Optulit. Philippus Beleiambe per Thomam filium suum. i°.

Optulit. Sweyn le Per per Philippum filium suum. ii°.

Optulit. Henricus de Honinton per Henricum famulum³ suum. i°.

Rogerus Ordrigx essoniavit se versus Willelmum le Paumer et Agnetem uxorem suam et Matildam de Porte de placito terre per Ricardum filium suum. iii°. et invenit plegios Thomam Simond de Oldebur' et Philippum Jordani.

Optulit. Johannes filius Rogeri Wallokeshal per Rogerum fratrem suum. i°.

Philippus de Waltereshurst per Walterum filium suum. i°.

¹ W. of Tenhal (Tewenhale) acquitted (*see* p. 43). Viscini = vicini.

² Lythewood in A 365.

³ An *esso*in by a servant is unusual, but accepted if not of villain status.

Willelmus le Paumer et Agnes et Matilda optulerunt se versus Rogerum Ordrigx de placito terre.

Johannes Borri de Wallokeshale warantat essonias quas prius essoniaverat se ter in curia. et habuerunt postea visum terre. et modo warantat.¹

Philippus filius Swani petit per breve domini Regis de uno messuagio et uno tofto cum pertinentiis sicut continetur in brevi.

Misericordia per breve domini Regis. Dicunt duodecim jurati supranotati quod Johannes Borri maius jus habet de sua poscensione et tenentia quam Philippus Sweyn in sua petitione. Unde adiudicatum est ut predictus Johannes teneat pacifice et alius in misericordia pro iniusta querela sua. Plegii Thomas Olf, Ricardus filius Thome.²

Datus est dies domino Abbati usque adventum Abbatis ad dandum iudicium utrum Abbas debeat respondere ad breve domini Regis vel non.

Dicit villata de Hulle quod latrones venerunt noctanter et fregerunt domum Willelmi de la Hephe et abstulerunt bona dicti Willelmi unde levaverunt hutesium apud le Vindiates.

Johannes filius Philippi de Weruel' dat domino Abbati pro duobus placiis terre apud Woltreshurst et unum obolum annui redditus et habet seysinam in plena curia.

Tastatores servisie quod omnia bene se habent.

Item datus est dies Curie usque ad diem Martis post Purificationem.

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Jurati de Breve domini Regis inter Philippum filium Swani et Johannem Borri de Wallok'

Willelmus de Longel', Willelmus de la Leye, Robertus de la Loue, Thomas filius Hugonis de Longel', Philippus Gerard,

¹ J. Borri warrants the 3 essoins he had previously made. Since he made them there has been a view of the land. This seems evidence that the marginal *warrantizavit* means that the principal warranted his essoin at a subsequent court.

² The Jury decides for Borri, who is in possession, against Sweyn the petitioner, who is therefore in mercy for a false plaint. For the Jury see below.

Willelmus Osbern, Petrus de Halen, Thomas de Hulle, Jordan de Kakemor, Willelmus Fremon, (Will *struck out*), Johannes de Lappol, (Willelmus Alured *struck out*), (Philippus de *struck out*), Thomas filius Sibille.

[On the back of 346207 i. and the front of 346515 are Hundred Courts.]

346515 dorso.]

Rotulus Curiarum manerii de Hales Anno Regni Regis Edwardi sexto, Incipiens a festo sancti Michaelis Anni eiusdem et deinceps.

61¹ CURIA de Hales die Lune proxima post festum omnium Sanctorum anno regni regis Edwardi sexto. [7 Nov. 1278].

Misericordia. Ricardus Gregor[ii] in misericordia pro transgressione [versus] Thomam filium Hugonis. Plegii Willelmus Gregor', Willelmus de Willinghurst.

Presentatum est per Villatam de Rughacre huthesium levatum et sanguinem effusum inter Willelmum Alured et Willelmum filiastrum suum, ad cuius iniuriam dicere habet villata respectum usque ad proximam Curiam, et dicti diem amoris, salvis salvandis.¹

Preceptum est quod Agnes ancilla Thome summonita sit ad proximam Curiam ad respondendum quare contra pacem Abbatis adduxit averia dicti Thome que fuerunt imparcata ad domum Abbatis in Oldebury ubi J. Le Per solebat manere pro dampno quod fecerunt dicto domino Abbati per Willelmum de Welebec Werenarium, et unde dictus W. levavit huthesium super dictam Agnetem.²

Agnes Brid optulit se versus Thomam filium suum de placito

¹ "Hue" raised and blood shed between Alured and his son-in-law. The Township of Ridgeacre has a day to say whose fault it was, and the parties a day of reconciliation. The son-in-law was fined 3 s. at the next court, p. 50.

² Agnes, maidservant of Thomas [Simond], brought home cattle of her master's, which William of Welbeck the Warrener had impounded at the Abbot's house in Oldbury, where J. le Per used to dwell. W. raised the "hue" on her. See p. 50. Welbeck was a Premonstratensian house.

quarundam domuum. Et consideratum est per Curiam quod excusatio dicti Thome ad curiam preteritam fuit rationabilis. Habent diem amoris usque ad proximam Curiam. Salvis [salvandis]. Plegii Agnetis : Petrus de Halen, Ricardus Cokus. Plegii Thome filii sui : R. Cok, Willelmus athe Leye, quod veniat sine excusatione.¹

Misericordia. Ricardus Budell vadiavit misericordiam pro transgressionem facta² Elie Crufte. Plegii Willelmus de Hull, Thomas i the putte.

Finis xii d. Rogerus de Aula optulit se versus Philippum de Hull [?] et habent diem amoris. salvis salvandis.

Preceptum est quod Adam Blundus de Hertlebury distringatur pro transgressionem facta J. Oniot, unde dictus J. levavit huthesium.

Galfridus de Porta maritavit Luciam sororem suam Willelmo filio Agathe sine licentia, qui negat. Jurati super quos ipse G. se posuit petunt respectum usque ad (diem dominicam proximam sequentem *crossed out*) curiam proximam.³

Misericordia xii d. Presentatum est per villatam de Werueley huthesium levatum inter Symonem filium Thome le Archer et Walterum filium Philippi de Wulterhurst. et Philippus de Wulterhurst vadiat misericordiam pro filio suo. Plegii Thomas de Bauresfen, Willelmus de Langeley.

Henricus Yedrich optulit se contra Matildam Felaus et petiit iudicium, quod fuit respectuatum usque ad istam curiam. que non venit. Curia considerat quod distringatur ad veniendum ad proximam Curiam ad audiendum iudicium de defalta.

Preceptum est secundo quod Johannes de La Grene distringatur pro transgressionem facta Johanne de La Grene.

Willelmus de Tewenhal habet respectum per Celerarium ad emendendum transgressionem factam inter ipsum W. et Henricum Symond.

¹ Agnes Brid was claiming her dower (see A., p. 110). Thomas, her son, was pledged to come and not to excuse himself.

² Much worn here, but enough left to shew what the words were.

³ At the next court Geoffry was fined 2s. and Lucy 15d.

xii d. Preceptum est quod Hugo le Mongur distringatur quia braciavit contra assisam.

vi d. Tastatores ultra Sturam dicunt quod Felicia Textrix (vj d.) vendidit contra assisam ad domum Willelmi Fabri fratris sui.

xii d. Et Henricus le Per de Cakemor similiter xii d. Et Philippus Joye similiter. Distringantur dicta Felecia et Henricus le Per.

Tastatores citra Sturam nihil sciunt nisi bonum.

Homines de manerio precepti eligere prepositos eligerunt Thomam le Archer de Werueley et Henricum de Hunnintun. Idem Henricus dicit quod male eligerunt ipsum quia non est illius conditionis quod debeat prepositus esse. Dicti homines dicunt expresse quod nolunt alium eligere. et ideo juramentum ipsorum electorum ponitur in respectu.¹

Misericordia vid. Philippus Joye vadiat misericordiam quia contra assisam. Plegii Johannes Yedrich, Rogerus Ordrich.

Misericordia xii d. Thomas Brid in misericordia pro defalta. Plegii Ricardus Cok, Galfridus de Porta.

61² CURIA de Hales die Veneris proximo ante festum sancte Lucie Virginis anno regni regis Edwardi vi^o [*error for vii^o* i.e. 9 Dec. 1278].

On a slip attached—

De Curia tenta die Veneris proximo ante festum sancte Lucie virginis.

[**Essonie.**] Johannes de Wallokeshal per Philippum filium Ricardi de communi. ii^o.

Petrus de Halen per Johannem filium suum de pleggiis Agnetis dicte Brid et de communi.

Willelmus ate Grene per Thomam filium Roberti de la Grene de communi. i^o.

¹ One of the two men elected Reeve said he was not of such condition that he ought to be reeve. The men of the manor refused to elect anyone else. So the swearing in was put off to the next court, when Archer only took the oath. For Hunnington's "lordship" see A., l—lii.

Willelmus Medicus per Willelmum filium eius de communi. i°.

Willelmus Johannis de Honinton per Thomam Claudum de Illeley de communi. i°.

Willelmus Faber de Oldebury per Ricardum filium Rogeri de communi. ii°.

Ricardus King per Thomam filium Ricardi de Longeley de communi. ii°.

Walterus filius Galfridi de Oldebury per Willelmum Bartheloc. i°. de communi.

Johannes Simund de Oldebury per Walterum filium Willelmi de communi. ii°.

Ricardus de Melleye per Johannem filium Johannis de Pirecote de communi. i°.

Willelmus de Longeley per G. de Caldewell de communi. i°.

Rogerus de Aula per Rogerum Golfing versus Philippum de Hull et de communi etc.

End of slip.

iii s. Willelmus filiaster W. Alurich in misericordia pro sanguinis effusione inter ipsum et dictum W. Alurich. Plegius Thomas Sibily.¹

xviii d. Thomas filius Agnetis Brid in misericordia quia detinuit matri sue quasdam domos. Plegii Ricardus Koc et Thomas Sibely.²

Johannes filius Thome vadiavit legem suam quod non fecit defaltam in precedente curia. Plegii Philippus Joie et Johannes Burri.

Presentatum est per Villatam de Ruggacre quod sanguis effusus fuit inter Willelmum Alurich et Willelmum Marmyun, et habet villata diem ad dicendum cuius fuit iniuria ad proximam curiam, et partes diem amoris, salvis salvandis.

Thomas Simund habet diem ad proximam Curiam ad respondendum pro Agnete ancilla sua quare dicta A. adduxit averia dicti Thome contra pacem Abbatis, et ad habendum

¹ See p. 47.

² See p. 47.

warantum suum vel probationem quod dicta A. adduxit dicta averia de licentia et per vadium.¹

Rogerus de Aula essoniavit contra Philippum de Hull.

xvd. Lucia de Porta fecit finem suum de eo quod maritata fuit sine licentia Abbatis.²

xii d. Willelmus de Tehonale vadiat misericordiam pro transgressione facta inter ipsum et Henricum Simund.

iis. Galfridus de Porta in misericordia quia maritavit sororem suam sine licentia Abbatis.²

Districtio. Henricus Thedrich optulit se versus Matildam Felawe. que non venit, et tamen et districta. et consideratur quod teneatur illa districtione et capiatur alia.³

xii d. Swanus filius Philippi de Werueleye habet seisinam sibi et heredibus suis medietatis cuiusdam more que dicitur la Sitte, que fuit quondam Philippi Gerald, et dat domino pro ingressu xii d. et unum obolum annui Redditus ad festum sancti Michaelis.

1 marca. Willelmus filius Philippi Page habet seisinam de quadam placia terre in Offemor et dat domino unam marcam pro ingressu et de Redditu assise viii d. ad terminos manerii consuetos.

xii s. Pro marcheto ipsius qui desponsavit filiam W. Paumer et licentiam habendam xii s.⁴

¹ See p. 47. Thomas was ordered to bring warranty and proof that Alice had leave to bring his cattle from the pound, and that a pledge was given for them.

² The sheriff of Salop on 26 June 1276 held an inquest into the complaints of the tenants of Hales, which found that if any of them married their daughters out of the manor they were to pay to the lord 2s. for merchet, and if within the manor 12s. (Nash, i, 512.) Lucy's brother therefore pays 2s., and the Abbot has another 15d. from Lucy because she had married without leave.

³ "that she be held by that distraint and another taken."

⁴ The man who married the daughter of W. Paumer paid 12s. for leave. She was evidently marrying within the manor.

Thomas le Archer de Werueleye unus electus electorum Prepositorum et a Celerario approbatus fecit sacramentum de fideliter sese habendo in officio prepositure.¹

Tastatores dicunt quod omnia bene.

On the other side of this roll are Hundred Courts.

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61³ CURIA de Hales die Veneris proximo ante festum Sancti Georgii Martiris anno regni regis Edwardi vii°. [21 Ap. 1279.]

Defalta. Willelmus de Linacre in misericordia eo quod defecit de lege sua.

Defalta. Willelmus de Vostleye in misericordia pro eodem.

Willelmus filius J. Steinulf dat domino Abbati unam marcā Argenti pro relevio terre sue, et habet seysinam in plena curia, et Willelmus awnculus eius recipit seysinam de medietate terre sue ad terminum vi annorum, Ita quod inveniet dicto puero per annum vi. modios duri bladi et unum quarterium avene et vestimenta et calciamenta et omnia necessaria usque ad predictum tempus, et dictus puer erit in custodia matris sue. Et Willelmus auunculus eius faciet sectam curie ter in anno usque ad predictum tempus.²

Ricardus filius Willelmi de Putteueye dat domino Abbati xs. argenti pro relevio terre sue et habet seysinam in plena curia. Et Thomas de Putteueye awnculus eius recepit terram dicti Ricardi in plena curia ad terminum xii annorum. puer erit in custodia auunculi sui usque ad predictum tempus, et inveniet ei omnia necessaria sua ei contingentia. Et dictus Thomas faciet

¹ See p. 49.

² A boy, presumably 6 years under age, is given possession of his inheritance in full court, paying a relief of 1 mark. An uncle is given seizin of half for a term of 6 years. He is to find the boy 6 measures of hard corn a year and a quarter of oats, clothes, shoes and all necessities. The mother is to be guardian. The uncle is to do suit of court three times a year.

domino serviscium et sectam curie quantum pertinet ad tantam terram usque ad dictum tempus.¹

Johannes filius Thome Aleyn de villa de Hales habet seysinam in plena curia et dat domino vs. pro habenda seysina de terra patris sui. et pater eius remisit et quietum clamavit ei omnia iura sua ei pertinentia omnino. Unde quoddam instrumentum signatum de sigillo Ricardi fratris sui fuit factum in plena curia, quod instrumentum de quieta clamazione dicti Ricardi fuit ibidem in plena curia approbatum.²

Willelmus filius Galfridi dat domino Abbati duas marcas argenti pro messuagio quondam Johannis le Per una cum uno crofto et gardino. et dat annuatim domino pro terra illa et pro dicto messuagio viii denarios annui redditus et duas dietas in autumpno. Et faciet sectam curie ter in anno. Et habet seysinam in plena curia.³

Misericordia. Willelmus le King in misericordia eo quod asportavit bladum suum de terra Thome filii Galfridi de Hull sine licencia celerarii, cum dictus celerarius prohibuit per ballivos suos nequis asportaret sine licencia domini.⁴

Rogerus de Aula conqueritur de Petro de Halen, unde consideratum est per totam curiam quod dictus Petrus summoniatur ad veniendum ad proximam curiam ad respondendum dicto Rogero de transgressione ei facta in Bosco suo.

Henricus filius Thome le Fremon fecit relevium terre sue et habet seysinam terre sue in plena curia. et Johannes Borri de Wallokesale et Willelmus le Fremon de Werueley habent dictam terram ad terminum v. annorum. et dictus Henricus stabit cum ipsis in servicio. et ipsi invenient dicto Henrico omnia necessaria usque dictum terminum sicut esset filius alterius eorum. et si ita contingat quod dictus Henricus noluerit stare

¹ Similar to the last, but the boy is apparently an orphan, and but 9 years old, so the uncle is guardian and has the whole land for 12 years.

² Thomas Aleyn hands over his land to his son John. Richard, another son, executed a deed of quitclaim in full court, and it was approved.

³ The fine for this transfer of land is 2 marks, the rent only 8*d.* a year and 2 days' work in Autumn, which represent another 2*d.*

⁴ The Celarer had forbidden the carrying of corn before leave was given, in order no doubt that the tithe might be collected.

cum ipsis dabunt dicto Henrico annuatim iii solidos argenti ad vestimenta et calciamenta.¹

61⁴ CURIA de Hales die Martis proximo ante Assencionem domini Anno (domini m^occ lxx[ix] *struck out*) regni regis Edwardi vii^o [9 May 1279].

Presentatum est per villatam de Wallokeshale quod Ricardus filius Radulfi de Blakeley effudit sanguinem iniuste de Thoma fratre suo. distringatur ad veniendum et respondendum ad proximam curiam.

Presentatum est per eandem villatam quod Johannes Borri et Henricus Prikke et Johannes filius Walteri levaverunt hutesium super Abbatem et ballivos suos.

Item presentatum est per villatam de Rugacre quod Ricardus Coc et Willelmus filius eius levaverunt hutesium super Abbatem et ballivos suos.

Item presentatum est per villatam de Halen quod Petrus de Halen et uxor eius et filius eius et filia levaverunt hutesium super ballivum Abbatis quia (vellet namiare dictum *crossed out and corrected to*) namiavit Petrum, et bedellus super ipsos quia namium ei afferrebant. Petrus pro se et aliis vadiavit misericordiam. Plegii de misericordia Thomas Dolfen, Thomas Colling.²

Lucia Edric optulit se versus Johannem Edric et Edipham uxorem suam et queritur quod defforciant ei rationabilem partem suam de terra que fuit Edric patris sui. Idem Johannes pro se et Edipha uxore sua negat jus ipsius Lucie et dicit quod dictus Edric in ligia protestate sua dedit dictam terram dicte Ediphe. et partes petunt quod veritas inquiratur. **Misericordia.** Jurati dicunt quod Lucia habet jus in sua demanda et consideratum

¹ This orphan has 2 guardians. He is to live with them in service, they finding him in all necessities as if he were the son of either of them. And, if the boy refuses to live with them, they are to give him 3s. a year for clothes and shoes.

² Peter, his wife, son and daughter raised hue on the bailiff because he distrained Peter, and the beadle raised hue on them because they took away from him what had been distrained.

est quod dicta Lucia recuperet seysinam sue partis et dictus Johannes in misericordia.¹

In margin :—Nomina Juratorum : Philippus de Werueleye, Thomas de Hulle senior, Johannes de Lappol, Alanus de Thadenhurst, Willelmus Phedric, Henricus de Folfen, Rogerus de Mora, Willelmus Phedric, [Walte]rs filius Galfridi, Rogerus Ordric, Thomas de Longeley, Willelmus abovebroc, Thomas Piscator.

Willelmus filius Agathe Burnet querelatur quod iniuste familiam Philippi de Hull ad afferendum budello namium, qui negat dampnum et iniuriam et vadiavit legem. Plegii Thomas Franceys, Thomas Piscator.²

Cristiana filia Philippi Page dat domino Abbati iiii solidos argenti ad introitum cuiusdam placie terre in villa de Oldeburi iuxta pasturam Abbatis que dicitur Oldeburi Heye, et dat domino annuatim ii d. annui redditus et i diem in autumpno.

Rogerus de Aula optulit se versus Petrum de Halen et queritur quod dictus Petrus contra conventionem suam inter eos factam scilicet quod non claudit quemdam sepem pro ut convenit. et dictus Petrus negat et vadiavit legem dicto Rogero. Plegii Rogerus de Molendino et Thomas de Halen.³

Rogerus de Aula optulit se versus Philippum de Hull qui essioniavit tertio. Plegii essionie Thomas filius Galfridi de Hull, Philippus de Hephe.

Willelmus (filius Willelmi *struck out*) Abovebroc dat filio suo scilicet Willelmo medietatem terre sue, et dictus Willelmus filius eius dat domino unam marcam argenti pro seysina habenda et pro relevio totius terre sue (et totum *struck out*) post mortem patris. et tenebit medietatem illius terre ad vitam patris. et admissus est attornatus patris ad faciendum sectam et servicium

¹ Lucy Edric complains that John Edric and Edith his wife are keeping her out of a reasonable part of their father's lands. John says that their father gave it to Edith, but the jury say that Lucy should have her share.

² Something is left out making it meaningless.

³ Peter had not shut his fence according to agreement.

domino ad dictam terram pertinentem. et si filius eius defecerat ante patrem illa medietas revertatur ad patrem.¹

Tastatores ultra Stouram dicunt nichil.

Tastatores citra Stouram dicunt quod Willelmus filius G. contra assisam semel et similiter parvam vendidit per mensuram de alieno comitatu.²

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61⁵ CURIA de Hales die veneris proximo post festum sancti Barnabe Apostoli anno regni Regis Edwardi vii°. [16 June 1279.]

Misericordia. Petrus de Halen fecit legem suam contra Rogerum de Aula et dictus P. recessit quietus, et Rogerus in misericordia.

ii s. quietus. Ricardus filius Radulfi Schau fecit finem versus dominum pro sanguinis effusione et dat duos solidos.

Johannes Borri, Henricus Prikke et Johannes filius Walteri districti non venerunt, et ideo preceptum est quod melius distringantur.

Finis vis. viiid. Petrus de Halen fecit finem pro hutesio levato iniuste. Finis vis. viiid.

Finis xxx s. Ricardus Coc fecit finem cum Abbate pro hutesio levato et pro omnibus aliis transgressionibus sibi contingentibus. Finis xxx s.

(Philippus de Hulle vadiavit legem contra Rogerum de Aula *struck out*.)

Rogerus de Aula optulit se versus Philippum de Hull de v denariis quos uxor dicti Rogeri misit ei ad portandum apud Salop, et dictus Philippus iniuste detinuit et adhuc detinet. Et dictus Philippus defendit omnem iniuriam contra Rogerum et

¹ William Abovebrook gives his son half his land, and the son gives the lord 1 mark for seizin and for relief of the whole after his father's death. The son is to do suit and service for his father. If the son dies first the land reverts to the father.

² That beer should be sold by the measure of another county is not strange, seeing that four counties are close together here.

sequelam eius et vadiavit legem. Plegii de lege Willelmus Wymarh, Thomas de Rugacre.¹

Presentatum est per villatam de Werueley de hutesio levato per quendam sutorem de Birmingham ad iniuriam servientis domini de Werueley.²

Presentatum est per villatam de Wallokeshal de sanguinis effusione, scilicet de filio Radulfi le Schau et cuiusdam garcionis qui fuit ospitatus ad domum Johannis filii Rogeri de Wallokeshal, ut dicitur, et dictus Johannes est ad legem suam quarta manu ad proximam curiam quod non stetit cum ipso in servicio set pernoctavit tantummodo per unam noctem et non amplius. Et fecit legem.³

Philippus de Hephe in misericordia pro transgressione facta in bosco domini.

Preceptum est quod Thomas de Hephe distringatur pro transgressione facta in bosco domini.

Philippus Beleiambe in misericordia quia braciavit contra assisam. Et Johannes Simond pro eodem in misericordia. Et Willelmus Juvenis pro eodem. Villelmus Juvenis quietus quia condonatur.

Ricardus filius Thome de Rugacre dat domino pro quadam placea terre xis. ad introitum et annuatim unum denarium. scilicet in Briddesfasten scilicet inter terram Willelmi de Tenhal et Thome Brid.

61⁶ CURIA de Hales die Mercurii proximo ante festum sancti Kenelmi Regis et martiri anno quo prius. [19 July 1279.]

Johannes Borri et Henricus Prikke et Johannes filius Walteri bis districti, tertio distringantur et melius.

¹ Roger's wife sent *5d.* to Philip to take to Shrewsbury, and Philip has kept it, and denies that he has wronged Roger and his family. See A. 111, Court of 2 Oct. 1279. Roger lost his case.

² A Birmingham cobbler had raised "hue." A servant of the lord of Warley Wigorn was to blame.

³ As to bloodshed between a son of Ralph Shaw and a serving man lodged at the house of John Rogers. John is at law with four compurgators to prove that the man was not in his service, but only lodged one night. And he made his law.

Thomas de la Hephe est ad legem suam vi manu¹ ad veniendum ad proximam curiam de Transgressione facta in bosco domini. et invenit plegios, scilicet Thomam de Putte et Willelmum de la Hephe.

Presentatum est per villatam de Werueleye de hutesio levato per Willelmum Osbern super ballivos Abbatis. (Et dicunt villani quod Ricardus filius Rogeri Ordrig levavit dictum hutesium *struck out*.)

Rogerus de Aula essoniavit contra Philippum de Hulle, qui debuit fecisse legem suam, et Philippus contra ipsum.

xii d. Willelmus de Westley dat domino xii denarios ad habendum inquisitionem per totam curiam utrum mater eius que conjugata decessit debeat dare herietum annon. Et curia habet diem ad respondendum ad proximam curiam. et pro herieto uxoris Swani le Per.²

Simon Hele dat domino Abbati tres solidos argenti ad introitum pro quadam placea terre iuxta Stanboue et annuatim iiii denarios annui redditus. et habet seysinam in plena curia.

Presentatum est per villatam de Cakemore quod Rogerus Ordrig una cum Ricardo filio suo levavit hutesium iniuste super ballivos Abbatis. et preceptum est quod Rogerus distringatur. Et Ricardus vadiavit misericordiam. Plegii de misericordia Ricardus Cocus, Philippus Jordan.

Thomas de Hephe in misericordia pro transgressione facta in nemore domini. Plegii de misericordia ipsi qui prius fuerunt de lege.³

Hugo de Moueloue in misericordia pro eodem. Plegius se ipsum.

Dicunt tastatores servisie ultra Stoure quod Thomas de Linacre braciavit contra assisam. ideo in misericordia. Et Ricardus de Sirelat similiter et in misericordia.

Ricardus le Kyng est ad legem suam contra Thomam Burnet et ad veniendum ad proximam curiam. et invenit plegios, scilicet Thomam de Longeleye et Willelmus Juvenis.

¹ With six backers or compurgators.

² The court has to decide whether a heriot is due for a woman who died married.

³ For their names see 6th entry above.

Amiscia Bonde invenit plegios scilicet quod fideliter se habebit in omnibus erga dominum et erga omnes homines de manerio, et faciet servitium unius diei domino scilicet in Autumpno. Plegii Willelmus Juvenis et Thomas Walreuen. et dicta mulier erit in advocacione domini dum tamen bene se habet.¹

61⁷ CURIA de Hales die proximo ante festum sancti Petri ad Wincula anno regni regis Edwardi vii°. [31 July 1279.]

xii d. Thomas de la Hephe in misericordia pro transgressionem facta in nemore domini. Plegii de misericordia Thomas de Putte, Willelmus de la Hephe.

Rogerus de Aula optulit se versus Philippum de Hull qui essoniavit secundo.

Johannes filius Walteri querelatur quod levavit hutesium super Abbatem et ballivos eius iniuste prout per villatam de Wallokeshale est presentatum. qui in misericordia.

Willelmus Osbern distringatur quia levavit hutesium super ballivos Abbatis. Set negat se hutesium levasse, et de hoc petitur iudicium. Et curia petit respectum usque ad proximam curiam.

Rogerus Ordrix levavit hutesium super ballivos Abbatis iniuste, et essoniavit secundo.

Thomas Burri optulit se versus Ricardum le Kyng qui debuit fecisse legem suam. et dictus Ricardus essoniavit se primo.

Presentatum est per villatam de Cakemore de hutesio levato et de effusione sanguinis inter Ricardum filium Rogeri Ordrigkx et Philippum Edrigkx, et dicit villata quod Ricardus filius Rogeri qui percussit dictum Philippum et effudit sanguinem, et quia dictus Philippus vellet referire, dictus Ricardus levavit hutesium. et dicunt quod uterque est in culpa, ideo ambo in misericordia. Ricardus. ij s. Philippus. vi d.²

¹ She will be under the lord's protection so long as she behaves well.

² Richard struck Philip and drew blood, and, because Philip was going to hit him back, he raised "hue." Both to blame.

Misericordia ii s. Dicunt tastatores servisie ultra Stoure quod Johannes Simond braciavit contra assisam. ideo in misericordia. ii s.

Misericordia ii s. Item Ysabell filia Roberti de Oldebury similiter contra assisam, et in misericordia. ii s.

Misericordia vid. Tastatores citra Stoure dicunt quod Ricardus de Kelmestoue contra assisam et in misericordia. vid.

Misericordia vid. Et Johannes Kynic¹ similiter contra assisam. vid.

Misericordia xii d. Guliana de Honintone contra assisam. xii d.

Misericordia vid. (Johannes Edrig *struck out*)² in misericordia pro transgressione facta in herbagio dicti mulieris scilicet Lucie Burnet. vid.

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77¹ CURIA de Hales die Mercurii in festo sancti Dionisii anno regni regis Edwardi Octavo. [9 Oct. 1280.]

Optulit. ii°. Johannes filius Thome de Wallokeshal de communi per W. filium Thome.

Optulit. Thomas filius Hugonis de Longeley.

Robertus le Somenur de communi per Johannem filium suum.

Rogerus de Cradeley.

col. 2.] Thomas Sigrim.

Warrantizavit. Willelmus Alfrec iunior.

Willelmus Faber de Oldebury calumpniatur per ballivum quia negavit dare namium.

Johannes Osbern.

col. 3.] Willelmus A[tte L. ?]³

Thomas Harald³

Margeria filia Henricus L³

¹ The name is K, y, three strokes, c or t, with a contraction mark over. Kynick occurs in one place.

² No name substituted for "John Edrig" struck out.

³ Washed out by wet here.

Hugo ad Portam, et calumpniatur quia non fecit mentionem versus quem nec quare.

ii° Ricardus de Bosco versus Thomam de Waleshal et alios in breve per Rogerum filium Rogeri de Aula de placito terre. ii°.

Ricardus le Kydiere versus Willelmum de Fraxino per Rogerum filium Willelmi Albi de placito terre. Plegii W. Juvenis et W. le Per.

Seysina xiii s. iiid. Johannes Nichol de Illey habet seysinam de terra patris sui et dat domino unam marcam. Plegii Rogerus atte More, Rogerus Ketel, Thomas Adam, Ricardus filius Amicie.

Presentatum est hutesium levatum per villatam de Illey.

Thomas de Walesh[all ?] et Ricardus atte Welle et Isabella uxor eius comparuerunt et Willelmus filius Johannis le Smale non comparuit. et calumpniatur per essoniatores dicti Ricardi quod semper est in defalta.¹

Presentatum est hutesium levatum per villatam de Romesleye inter W. molendinarium et Ricardum de Edwineshull.

Item presentatum est hutesium levatum per eandem villatam inter uxorem Willelmi Orm et alios.

Item presentatum est hutesium inter Johannem de Honeford et uxorem suam.

Item inter Adam de Kelmestowe et Feliciam de eadem.

Philippus Beleiambe optulit se cum lege sua facienda et plenarie fecit.

Querela. Margeria le Wyte queritur de Thoma Colling et Petro de Hale et hominibus de Hale quod iniuste presentaverunt quod dicta Margeria levavit hu and cri super terram suam propriam ad dampnum et pudorem dimidie marce et regulam secte. **Lex.** Qui presentes fuerunt defendere verba curie et vadiaverunt legem. Plegii Petri Thomas de Illey, Ricardus de Illei. plegii Thome Philippus Jurdan, Simon de Honenton. plegii Thome Dolfen Robertus de Putwey, W. de Bruera.

¹ Why should Richard's essoiner complain of William's default, when Richard himself was there and needed no essoiner ?

plegii Rogeri Croue J. de Wyteley, Gilbert de Illey. plegii Thome Steynulf, G. Louecoc, Rogerus atte Pirie.¹

Misericordia vid. Willelmus atte Dergate in misericordia pro transgressione facta molendino domini. Plegii Galfridus Louecoc, Thomas Colling.

Ricardus Coc optulit se cum lege sua et plenarie fecit.

Districtio. Johannes de Wallokeshal districtus fuit pro fratre suo qui manet apud Wenilock.²

Misericordia xiid. Agnes le Palmer in misericordia pro defalta. Plegius Robertus le Palmer, et pro transgressione facta Robertus le Palmer.

Misericordia. Condonatur. Robertus le Palmer in misericordia pro transgressione facta Agnete le Palmer. Plegius Willelmus de Bruera.

Preceptum est Ballivo distringere Willelmum Don pro herieto.

Datus est dies inter Willelmum de Fraxino et Villelmum de la grene usque ad diem dominicam proximam.

Lex. Thomas Steynul vadiavit legem quod non asportavit bladum Philippi Lirgan. Plegius Thomas de Hulle.

Galfridus Louecoc in misericordia pro hutesio levato per filium suum. Plegius Ricardus de Werueley.

Iste pro leyrwite³ : Matilda Stubbe, Lucia Edrich, Margeria de Illey, Alicia le Kinges de Wallokshale.

¹ Margery complains that T. Colling and Peter of Hale and the men of Hale unjustly presented that she had raised "hu and cri" on her own land (or was it *their* own land?) causing half a mark's damage, and shame, and contrary (inserting "*contra*") to the rule of suit. They were present and pledged their law.

Hue and Cry was said to be raised at the suit of either the King, as being a thing enjoined by common law, or of a private person. (Jacob's Law Dict. under H. and C.)

Margery was found guilty in the end. See p. 79.

² John's brother is "wanted" and stays at Wenlock, so John is distrained.

³ Leyrwite, fornication, or the correction of it,

Districtio. Hugo ad Portam districtus est pro decimis suis male ablatis et pro fratre suo qui manet apud Burm[ingham].¹

Misericordia Condonatur. Philippus Lirgan et Willelmus Bedell in misericordia pro plegio Hugonis ad Portam. Plegius Philippi Johannes Walteri, Plegius Willelmi Ricardus de Notwyke.

Misericordia vi d. Willelmus Don in misericordia pro defalta. Plegius Ricardus de Notwyke.

Misericordia Condonatur. Christiana Blanche in misericordia pro eodem. Plegio teneatur.

Districtio. Thomas de Honenton distringitur pro pluribus defaultis.

Misericordia. Willelmus filius Rogeri de Haselbury in misericordia pro defalta. Plegius Johannes del Broc.

W. Faber et W. le Scattere districti fuerunt quia noluerunt dare namium ballivo.

Districtio. Willelmus Laymon districtus fuit pro defalta et pro contemptu.

Misericordia. Agnes Brides in misericordia pro defalta. Plegius Thomas filius Thome de Rugacre.

Misericordia xii d. Johannes Faber in misericordia pro eodem. Plegius.

Ricardus de Cackemor districtus est pro defalta prius facta et vocat abere warantum scilicet Abbatem. Plegii Ricardus de Volatu, Rogerus de Aula.²

Misericordia vi d. Willelmus Burnet in misericordia pro defalta. Plegius Thomas le Frense.

Misericordia vi d. Johannes Edrich in misericordia pro eodem. Plegius Thomas le Frense.

Misericordia. Thomas Simont in misericordia pro eodem. Plegius Philippus filius Thome.

Misericordia vi d. Willelmus King in misericordia pro eodem.

¹ Hugh at the Gate distrained for tithes wrongfully removed, and for his brother who remains at Birmingham.

² Richard calls the Abbot to be his warrant. "abrē," as the word before "warantum" is written here, and also in the 8th entry below, is an unusual form of "habere."

Plegius Willelmus Bedell, frater W. et idem distringitur pro areragiis xii d.

Misericordia vi d. Philippus Balle in misericordia pro eodem. Plegius Thomas de Baresfen.

Districtio. Henricus le Per distringitur pro defalta et pro contemptu.

Districtio. Robertus le Somenur distringitur pro defalta.

Henricus de Aula invenit plegium abere warentum suum de defalta curie. Plegius W. de Bruge.

Misericordia vi d. Ricardus de Edwineshull in misericordia pro defalta. Plegius Thomas Atte Leye.

Ricardus de Volatu invenit plegios facere quicquid facere debet adventu Abbatis de defalta. Plegii Rogerus de Aula, Ricardus de Cackemor.

Districtio. Ricardus filius Nicholai de Romesley distringitur pro defalta.

Misericordia vi d. Willelmus Molendinarius in misericordia pro defalta. Plegius frater W.

Misericordia Condonatur. Ricardus le Rode in misericordia pro eodem. Plegius.

Misericordia vi d. Dicunt tastatores ultra Stouram quod Willelmus le Hyne fregit assisam ideo in misericordia.

Misericordia vi d. Dicunt tastatores citra Stouram quod Ricardus de Sirlat bis.

Thomas de Linacre.

Jurati. Thomas de Hulle, Ricardus Cocus de Werueley, Hugo Juvenis, Henricus de Honenton, Henricus de Fulfen, Ricardus de Notwyk, Johannes de Lappol, Philippus de Hulle, W. Juvenis, Thomas Colling, Thomas Ricardi, Johannes Thedrich.

Finis ii marce. Philippus filius Philippi Geroud de Werueley dat domino pro seysina terre patris sui habenda ii marcas. Plegii Philippus filius Hugonis de Werueley, Johannes filius Philippi de Werueley. ad festum sancti Andree dimidiam marcam et ad purificationem dimidiam marcam, ad assencionem dimidiam marcam, ad festum sancti Michaelis dimidiam marcam.

Finis iis. Redditus iiid. Ricardus filius Willelmi de Bruera

dat domino iis. pro licentia habenda manere ubi voluerit, et reddit annuatim dum vixerit tres denarios ad festum sancti Michaelis. Plegii Willelmus frater eius et Robertus le Palmer.¹

Finis vid. Hugo de Mouwelowe dat domino vid. pro inquisitione habenda de terminis.

Misericordia vid. Thomas in le Het in misericordia pro averiis suis inventis in pastura domini. Plegius.

Dicunt Jurati. Curia elexit Johannem Oniot et Thomam filium Hugonis de Longley ad officium prepositure.

Tastatores citra Stouram Thomas Adam de Illey, Willelmus filius Johannis Simont. et ultra Stouram Thomas de Hiddeley, Johannes filius Rogeri de Wallokeshal.

77^a [*Double column.*] CURIA de Hales die Lune proximo post festum Omnium Sanctorum Anno regni regis Edwardi octavo. [4 Nov. 1280.]

Ricardus de Bosco essoniavit se per Thomam de Aula contra Thomam de Walishal et alios in breve contentos. iii^o. Et Thomas essonie invenit plegios R. de Aula et Thomam filium Ade Faris. Et predictus Thomas et omnes alii comparuerunt preter Willelmus Juvenis cuius presenciam dictus essoniator petiit.

Willelmus le King in misericordia quia contradixit rotulum et curiam. Plegius de misericordia Ricardus frater eius.²

Willelmus de Fraxino comparuit contra Ricardum le King, et narravit per verba curie de hereditate terre sue. Et Ricardus le Kydiere qui prius apparuit et petiit diem et terminum in plena curia ore proprio, et postea ter fecit se essoniari contra eundem de placito terre, et ad tertiam essoniam invenit plegios, et comparuit et dixit quod non debet respondere sine precepto domini Regis. Et Willelmus dixit quod tenetur respondere quia petiit diem et terminum et postea se essoniavit contra eundem de placito terre. Et datus est dies curie usque ad

¹ A man gives a 2s. fine and 3d. a year for leave to live where he pleases.

² King apparently said that the court roll and the court were wrong.

proximam curiam ad (respondendum *struck out*) iudicium dandum utrum debet respondere annon.¹

Margeria le Wyte essoniavit se per Rogerum le Wyte contra Petrum de Halenet Thomam Colling et ceteros de lege. et pars adversa comparuit.

Johannes de Wallokeshal habet diem usque adventum Celerarii.

Agnes le Palmer distringitur sicut prius.

Misericordia. Thomas Steynulf fecit legem et ideo Philippus Liregan in misericordia.

Hugo de Porta satisfecit Celerario.

Thomas de Porta de Honinton distringitur ut prius pro pluribus defaltis.

[**Essoins.**] Gilbertus de Ylleley per Gilbertum de Melleye. optulit.

Willelmus Juvenis per Johannem filium R.

Rogerus de Bosco per Rogerum filium Thome. optulit.

Willelmus Bonde de Oldebury per R. filium W. i. optulit.

Willelmus de la Grene contra H. Sigrim per Thomam filium R. de eadem. i.

Willelmus Medicus per H. filium suum. i.

Willelmus de Tenhal dictus Doget per J. Lenorpherum. i. optulit.

Philippus Gerard per Johannem filium Philippi. i.

Willelmus le Per [per] R. filium Willelmi. i. optulit.

¹ William of the Ash appeared against Richard King, *alias* le Kydiere, and put his case about the inheritance of his land. Richard, who before had appeared and sought a day and term in full court with his own mouth, and afterwards had essoined against him thrice concerning a plea of land, and at the third *essoins* found pledges, now appeared and said that he is not bound to answer without the King's precept. And William said that he is bound to answer, because he had asked for a day and term and afterwards essoined concerning a plea of land against him (William). And a day is given to the court till the next court to give judgment whether King is bound to answer or not.

That King and Kydiere (whether faggot-maker or huckster) are the same person is clear. See pp. 61, 71, 74.

Willelmus Phedrig de Oldebury per Philippum filium Thome.

i. optulit.

Johannes Borri de eadem per R. filium R. de Wallokeshale.

i. optulit.

Willelmus Fremon de Oldebury per W. filium Henrici. i.

Philippus Belegambe per Thomam filium suum. contra-calumpniatur. i.

Willelmus Faber per J. filium Petri. ii°. et calumpniatur quia negavit namium, et ideo distringitur.¹

(Thomas filius Ricardi de Oldebury *struck out*) per R. filium R. de Cradeley.

Johannes filius Walteri de eadem per Willelmum filium suum. i. optulit.

Johannes Simond de eadem per H. filium suum. i. optulit.

Walterus filius G. de eadem per Thomam filium suum. i. optulit.

Ricardus filius Henrici per Philippum le Elf. i. optulit.

Thomas Piscator per Henricum Batayl. Calumpniatur quia citatus erat pro areragiis servicii domini sui de averiis non [[?] datis].²

Philippus de Hull per Thomam fratrem suum. i.

Thomas Simond de Oldebury. i. optulit.

Swanus le Per per Johannem filium suum. i.

Thomas Rondolf per J. filium suum.

(H. *marked as error*) Willelmus filius R. de Tenhal per Galfridum filium W. Osbern. i.

Full lines]

Willelmus Marmiun distringitur pro defalta quia citatus contra Johannem filium Christiani et non venit. Ideo preceptum est ut distringatur.

Misericordia ii.s. Willelmus Laymon satisfecit Celerario.

Misericordia. Johannes Edrig in misericordia quia sequitur alium molendini quam molendinum domini, et alias in miseri-

¹ His essoin is challenged because he refused a pledge.

² Fisher's essoin was challenged because he had been summoned for arrears of service to the lord with his beasts.

cordia pro arreragiis servicii domini. et invenit plegios Johannem Phedrig et Rogerum Ordrig.¹

Jurati inter Willelmum de Grene et Willelmum Alwret, et habent respectum usque ad aliam curiam.

Thomas filius Hugonis de Longeleye distringitur quia non facit officium prepositi.²

Christiana de Fraxino distringitur pro defalta et pro multura.³

Thomas de Longeley vocatus, distringitur quia non venit.

Ricardus le King vocatus, distringitur quia non venit et propediem.

Misericordia. Hugo de Porta in misericordia pro defectu operis sui.⁴ Plegius Ricardus Cocus.

Dicunt tastatores servisie quod Willelmus filius Galfridi et Ysabella le feys, Willelmus Teyng, Willelmus de Fraxino, Willelmus Juvenis, Thomas Rondulf, omnes isti contra assisam. Hugo Juvenis (Will. Ric. de Scir'code (?) *crossed out*), Willelmus de Westleye, Matilda de Volatu (Nic. de Linacre *crossed out*), Gilbertus de Ylleleye. et isti contra assisam.

Misericordia. Isabella Phedrig in misericordia pro defalta.

Preceptum est quod Philippus Prutel distringatur pro defectu operis sui.⁴

77³ CURIA de Hales die Sancti Andree anno regni regis Edwardi Nono. [30 Nov. 1280.]

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ii°. Philippus Gerard de communi per Philippum filium Alfret.

ii°. Philippus de Hulle de communi per Johannem filium Rogeri.

i°. Thomas Burnet de communi per Rogerum fratrem suum.

¹ In spite of the finding of the inquest made only a few years before, the Abbot is asserting a right to compel his tenants to grind their corn at his mill. See Nash, 512.

² See p. 73. He paid 20s. to be quit of the office.

³ The toll that the miller takes for grinding corn.

⁴ Not doing his day's work for the lord.

i°. Philippus Joye de communi per Henricum filium Thome.

ii°. Willelmus filius Ricardi de Teunhal de communi per Ricardum filium Henrici.

i°. Thomas filius G. de Hulle de communi per Rogerum filium suum.

i°. Willelmus filius Agge de communi per Rogerum filium Rogeri de placito.

ii°. Swanus le Per de communi per Johannem filium Philippi.
Col. ii]

i°. Willelmus Wymarke de communi per Thomam de Illey. et calumpniatur eo quod summonitus erat versus dominum et non fecit inde mentionem.

ii°. Willelmus Medicus de communi per Willelmum filium suum.

i°. Philippus de Werueley de communi per Johannem le Mercer.

ii°. Thomas Rond de communi per Rogerum filium Rogeri.

ii°. Willelmus Juvenis de communi per Willelmum filium Ricardi.

i°. Willelmus Alfret de communi per Henricum filium Johannis.

i°. Philippus de Wlterhurst de communi per Walterum filium suum.

ii°. Willelmus de la Grene de communi et versus Henricum Sigrim per Thomam filium Roberti.

Margeria le Wyte versus Petrum de Halen et alios de quadam lege, per Willelmum Bartelot.

Misericordia xii d. Galfridus Louecoc in misericordia quia percussit Rogerum Sprig. Plegius Willelmus Geffrey, similiter et pro filio suo.

Misericordia ii s. Rogerus Sprig in misericordia quia percussit dictum Galfridum. Plegii de misericordia et satisfacere eidem G. plegii Johannes Oniot, Thomas Colling, et pro filio suo.

Thomas de Waleshal et alios in breve contenti optulerunt se versus Ricardum de Bosco qui ter essoniatus fuit prius et plegios invenit, et postremo Rogerus de Aula optulit essoniationem pro

se ultra mare, et per considerationem curie et statuta regis non possit stare, et iterum optulit essoniationem de servicio regis per primum essoniatores, et calumpniatur per Thomam de Wales-hale eo quod essoniavit se per unam personam de ultra mare et post de servicio regis, et petierunt inde curiam. Et curia dixit quod essoniatio non stetit, quia fecit essoniare bis per unam personam. Et post iudicium quidam optulit essoniationem pro dicto Ricardo, et curia dicit quod essonia nulla fuit. unde fecit defaultam, et Thomas de Waleshal et alii in breve recedant quieti sine die et dictus Ricardus et plegii sui in misericordia.¹

Misericordia iii s. Rogerus de Aula (xii d.) in misericordia pro plegio Ricardi de Bosco. Et Thomas Faris (ii s.) in misericordia pro ultima plegia dicti Ricardi. **Districtio.** Et fecit defaultam quia essonia adiudicatur pro nulla, et ideo distringitur.

Willelmus Wyr habet diem cum domino Willelmo Fokeram ad satisfaciendum eidem salvo iure domini, et ad hoc invenit plegium.

Galfridus ad Portam invenit plegios satisfacere Thome le Fremon de transgressione facta eidem. Plegii Johannes filius Thome de Wallokeshal, Philippus filius Hugonis de Werueley, citra circumcisionem domini anno predicto.

Johannes filius Christiane optulit se versus Willelmum Marmiun sicut prius qui prius fecit defaultam et nunc. Et Johannes Marmiun et Thomas de Linacre manuceperunt² quod satisfaciet dicto Johanni et domino de defaulta.

Memorandum quod loquela inter Willelmum de Fraxino et

¹ Thomas of Walsall and others in the writ offered themselves against Richard of the Wood, who had previously essoined thrice and found pledges. And at last Roger Hall offered an essoin for him (Richard) of "beyond the sea," which the court disallowed as contrary to statute. Again he offered an essoin of "the King's service" by the first essoiner, which was challenged by Thomas, on the ground that he essoined by one person for two different reasons, and disallowed by the court. After this judgment someone offered an essoin for the said Richard. And the court said it was null. Wherefore he made default, and Thomas, etc., went quit *sine die*.

The fines of Richard's pledges follow. The "someone" was evidently Thomas Faris.

² Went surety or bail.

Ricardum le Kydiere ponitur in respectu usque ad proximam curiam post diem et terminum petitum et post tres essonias, et adhuc ponitur ut se consultant et Abbas. Sed Ricardus se essoniavit versus dictum Willelmum per Ricardum filium Roberti. i^o.¹

Memorandum de Willelmo de la Grene et de Willelmo Alfret qui superius sunt essoniati.

Memorandum de Thoma de Longeley preposito.

Districtio. Ricardus le King distringitur pro defalta.

Districtio. Galfridus ad Portam distringitur pro opere et defalta.

Willelmus de Willinghurst habet seysinam de tribus acris terre quas Edith Blanche prius tenuit apud Haselbury.

Misericordia vi d. Johannes Edrich in misericordia quia fecit molere ad aliud molendinum quam domini. Plegius.

Misericordia Condonatur. Thomas de Hulle in misericordia pro averiis in la Hay. Plegius frater Willelmus.

Misericordia xii d. Ricardus Bedell in misericordia quia detenuit (terram *smudged out*) quendam terminum contra defensionem Celerarii. Plegii Thomas in the put, Thomas Colling.²

Memorandum de Douce de la Grene de i herieto. et Johannes Oniot est plegius quod satisfaciet domino.

Rogerus de Bosco vadiat legem quod non fecit molere ad aliud molendinum quam domini. Plegius. et fecit legem.

Lex. Thomas Simont vadiat legem eodem modo. Plegii Willelmus le Scattare, Johannes Thedrich. et fecit legem.

Lex. Hugo de Mowelowe vadiat pro eodem. Plegius Thomas le Frense.

Misericordia vi d. Dicunt Jurati quod Willelmus de la Grene prius posuit hayam suam super Willelmum Alfret et postea retraxit illam.³

Misericordia xii d. Dicunt ultra Stouram quod Philippus Robin contra assisam.

¹ See p. 65-66 n.

² Bedell did not give up land when the term for which he had taken it was expired.

³ Put up a fence between his land and William's and afterwards withdrew it.

Misericordia vi d. Hugo de Mowelowe pro eodem.

Misericordia vi d. Thomas de Mora pro eodem.

Misericordia vi d. Tastatores citra Stouram dicunt quod Ricardus de Sirlet contra assisam.

Misericordia vi d. Tandi de Kelmestowe.

Misericordia vi d. Juliana Atte Murleput.

Misericordia vi d. Thomas de Linacre pro eodem.

Misericordia xii d. Willelmus Gilbert de Illey pro eodem.

Lex. Rogerus Ordrich vadiat legem quod non impedivit quandam mulierem faciendi commodum¹ domini. Plegii Philippus Jurdan, Willelmus de Fraxino. Et fecit legem.

77⁴ CURIA de Hales die Veneris in vigilia sancti Thome Apostoli Anno regni regis Edwardi Nono. [20 Dec. 1280.]

i°. Willelmus filius Christiane de Oldebury de communi per Philippum filium Philippi.

i°. Walterus filius Galfridi de eadem per Thomam filium suum.

i°. Johannes Bourri de eadem per Hugonem filium Simonis.

i°. Willelmus Alfret iunior de communi per Thomam filium Johannis.

i°. Philippus Robyn de communi per Willelmum filium Ingram.

i°. Willelmus Fremon de communi per Willelmium filium Ricardi.

i°. Ricardus filius Henrici de communi per Philippum filium Simonis.

iii°. Margeria le Wyte versus Petrum de Halen et alios de quadam lege per Willelmum filium Warin. Plegii Rogerus de Aula, Rogerus de Pirie, Thomas in Puyt.

i°. Willelmus Don de communi per Philippum filium suum.

i°. Johannes filius Thome de communi per Henricum filium Thome.

i°. Thomas le Archer de communi per Simonem fratrem suum.

¹ Business or work.

Willelmus Burnet de communi per Willelmum Bartelot, et calumpniatur eo quod non fecit mentionem versus Thomam Fremon.

Lex. Willelmus Wymarke vadiat legem quod non summonitus erat per ballivum responsurus domino. Plegii Willelmus de Bruera, Hugo de Mouwelowe.

i°. Willelmus Juvenis de communi per Rogerum filium Thome.

Willelmum Thedrich de communi per Henricum filium suum.

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iii°. Philippus de Hulle de communi per Henricum filium Johannis Pircote. Plegii Petrus de Halen, Ricardus filius Amicie.

i°. Thomas Harald de communi per Ricardum filium Henrici.

Gilbertus de Illey de communi per Henricum filium Nicholai.

i°. Philippus filius Hugonis de communi per Galfridum filium Willelmi.

i°. Philippus Beleiambe de communi per Thomam filium suum.

iii°. Swanus le Per de communi per Rogerum filium Willelmi. Plegii W. Per, Philippus filium Thome.

i°. Thomas de Hulle de communi per Ricardum filium suum.

i°. Willelmus Bonde de communi per Ricardum filium suum.

i°. Thomas filius Sibily de communi. Plegius Philippus filius Henrici.

Finis xxd. Thomas de Longeley dat domino quod esset extra officium prepositure xx s.¹

Concordia concessa. Willelmus de Fraxino querens de placito terre versus Ricardum le Kydiere, et dictus Ricardus optulit se invicem in plena curia, et concordati sunt per licentiam domini sub hac forma, videlicet quod ambo subposuerunt se arbitrio quatuor legalium virorum cum quinto electo per ipsos quatuor, qui diligenter inquirent de iure utriusque et secundum quod inde

¹ 20s. paid to the lord to be excused from serving as reeve. See p. 68.

inveniunt inter eosdem ordinabunt, et quod dicti Willelmus et Ricardus pro iustitia et rato habebunt quicquid per predictos arbitros inter eos ordinatum fuerit, et ad hec premissa fideliter tenendum in plena curia tactis sacrosanctis iurarunt, et de iure domini salvando, plegios invenerunt videlicet Philippum Jurdan, Willelmum Abouebroc plegios Willelmi; Thomam de Baresfen, Willelmum de Longeley plegios Ricardi.¹

Memorandum de hutesio levato apud Werueley inter Willelmum Wyr et Henricum [Si]grim et Ballivum domini Willelmi Fokeram,² ad iniuriam predicti Henrici et ballivi.

Presentatum est hutesium levatum et sanguinis effusionem per villatam de Halen inter Ricardum Brid et Johannem de Pircote, et habent respectum.

De Willelmo Wyr ponitur in respectum adhuc inter militem³ et ipsum et de iure domini.

Misericordia xii d. Galfridus ad Portam in misericordia quia non satisfecit Thome le Fremon pro se et pro plegiis suis. Plegii Hugo de Porta, Willelmus Atte Leye.

Misericordia vi d. Hugo de Mouwelowe in misericordia quia defecit de lege sua. Plegius Johannes Thedrich.

Misericordia vi d. Willelmus Marmiun in misericordia pro defalta et pro plegiis suis. Plegii Johannes Simont, Thomas de Linacre.

Amoris. Prece partium datus est dies amoris Willelmo Marmiun et Johanni filio Christiane concordandi citra epiphaniam vel citra proximam curiam aut veniendi ad proximam curiam sine essionia. Plegius Johannis Philippus Lirgan.

Districtio. Thomas de Longeley distringitur pro defalta. Calumpniatur pro quadam procuracione in malo. et ponitur in respectu.

¹ Agreement between William of the Ash and Richard the Kidier (or King) to submit their dispute to arbitration by four lawful men and a fifth chosen by the four. They swore on the Gospels to abide by their finding and to safeguard the right of the lord.

² The bailiff of Sir William Fokerham, lord of Warley Wigorn under the Barons of Dudley. *See A. 1, n.*

³ Fokerham. *See above.*

Memorandum quod Ricardus Cocus de plegio Galfridi de Porta pro opere retento et defalta ponitur in respectu usque diem dominicam.

Galfridus ad Portam (plegius G[alfridi] W. Wyr) queritur de Hugone ad Portam. plegium invenit stare ad vardium¹ curie. Plegius Johannes de Werueley.

Memorandum de Willelmo de Willinghurst. Item Ricardus le Bedel habet diem usque adventum patris sui.

Misericordia ii s. Johannes Oniot in misericordia pro plegio Douce de la Grene. Plegius Willelmus de Haselbury.

Memorandum de Philippo de Wolterhurst quod inveniat plegios stare indicium curie de receptione² et aliis rebus. Plegii Johannes filius Philippi de Werueley, Henricus Brid.

Preceptum est quod averia Elie de Fraxino que capta sunt retineantur.

Misericordia xii d. Willelmus Alfret in misericordia quia non fecit officium suum in bosco sicut facere debuit. Plegius Ricardus Cocus.

Seysina, xii d. Johannes filius Philippi de Werueley habet seysinam de quadam placea terre que vocatur longecroft imperpetuum, quam prius habuit ad terminum de Philippo Geront filio Philippi. Et dat eidem Philippo duas marcas argenti, et domino xii d. pro licencia. Et invenit plegium Willelmum Alfret.

Misericordia ii s. Willelmus Alfret in misericordia quia destruit.³

Misericordia xii d. Dicunt tastatores citra Stouram quod Willelmus filius Galfridi de Oldebury fregit assisam.

Misericordia iiiid. Matilda Simont miles⁴ in misericordia pro eodem.

Misericordia xii d. Willelmus de Kemberley pro eodem.

Misericorida vi d. Thomas Burnet pro eodem.

Misericordia vi d. Willelmus filius Willelmi de Tewinhale pro eodem.

¹ "Vardium" for "awardium."

² Receptio, harbouring strangers.

³ Made destruction, most likely in the wood.

⁴ Miles. Why so called?

Misericordia vid. Matilda Wymarke pro eodem.

Misericordia. Amicia filia Thome Sigrim pro eodem.

Misericordia vid. Thomas Rondulf pro eodem.

Tastatores (citra, ? *error*) ultra Stouram dicunt quod Ricardus de Kelmestowe pro eodem.

Thomas Molendinarius habuit molendinum de Notwyk. Et plegii sui habent respectum usque ad diem dominicam si molendinum sit in tam bono statu quam fuit quando cepit molendinum.¹

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77^b CURIA de Hales die Mercurii proximo post festum sancti Hillarii anno regni regis Edwardi Nono. [15 Jan. 1281]

Col. 1.]

ii°. Willelmus Faber de Oldebury de communi per Johannem fratrem.

i°. Willelmus Alfret senior de communi per Thomam filium suum.

i°. Willelmus de la Grene de communi et versus H. Sigrim per Thomam filium Roberti.

i°. Philippus atte Lowe de communi per Nicholaum de Wyteley.

i°. Henricus de Honenton de communi per Rogerum le Wyte.

ii°. Thomas de Hulle de communi per Rogerum filium suum.

i°. Willelmus King de communi per Robertum filium Ricardi.

Col. 2.]

ii°. Willelmus Bonde de communi per Henricum filium Willelmi.

i°. Thomas Simont de communi per Rogerum filium Rogeri.

i°. Johannes filius Thome de Wallokeshale de communi per Rogerum filium Thome.

¹ The pledges of Thomas the miller of Notwyk mill have till Sunday to shew if the mill is in as good repair as when he took it.

Philippus de Werueley de communi per Walterum filium Philippi de Wolterhurst.

i°. Johannes Osbern de communi per Henricum filium Thome.

i°. Thomas de Baresfen de communi per Thomam filium Rogeri.

i°. Thomas filius Galfridi de Hulle de communi per Rogerum filium Thome.

Full lines]

Respectus. Presentatum est hutesium levatum per villatam de Oldebury inter Johannem le Squier et Juliam Robin, et habent respectum usque ad proximam curiam ad dicendum quis habet iniuriam.

Misericordia, Presentatum est per villatam de Honenton hutesium levatum inter Willelmum Bedell et Thomam Faber ad iniuriam ipsius Thome.

Finis xii d. Ricardus le Bedel dat domino xii d. pro termino habendo unius placee terre in Overecroft quam dominus habuit in manu sua. plegii.

Isabell Thedrich habet diem ad proximam dominicam satisfacere domino pro una careta feni.¹

Finis. vi d. Hec est conventio facta inter Margeriam Coc et Ricardum le Coc videlicet quod predicta Margeria tradidit dicto Ricardo duas particulas terre in Lappol ad terminum octo annorum, Habendum et tenendum dicto Ricardo et heredibus suis vel assignatis usque ad predictum terminum plenarie completum, et post tres annos elapsos dicta Margeria habebit tertiam garbam et post quatuor annos elapsos illa inveniet tertiam estricam ad seminandum. Et dictus Ricardus faciet domino servicia inde debita et consueta. Et dat domino pro licencia habenda vi d.²

¹ A load of hay.

² Agreement. Margery Coc hands over to Richard Coc 2 parcels of land in Lapal for a term of 8 years. After 3 years Margery shall have the third sheaf, and after 4 years she shall find the third strike for sowing. Richard shall do the services to the lord.

Jurati. Hugo Juvenis, Ricardus Cocus, Henricus de Fulfen, Ricardus Gregori de Honenton, Ricardus de Sirlet, Petrus de Halen, Thomas Colling, Philippus de Hulle, Johannes Thedrich de Cackemor, Thomas Ricard, Willelmus Per de Longeley, Johannes de Lappol, Thomas filius Sibilie, Thomas Adam.

Finis ii s. Redditus ob. Memorandum quod Abbas de Hales et eiusdem loci conventus concesserunt liberum et quietum imperpetuum clamaverunt pro se et eorum successoribus Ricardo Titico de Burmingham et heredibus suis Thomam filium Johannis ad Portam de Werueley in Hales Nativum eorum cum tota sequela et omnibus catallis suis ab omni Nativitate et servitute. Reddendo predictis Abbati et conventui unum obolum ad festum sancti Michaelis in toto tempore vite predicti. Ita vero quod predicti Abbas et conventus nullum clamium Nativitatis seu servitutis versus predictum Thomam vel sequelam suam vel catalla suas unquam de cetero exigere possint. Pro hac autem concessione et quietam clamacione dedit dictus Ricardus dicto Abbati et conventui duos solidos argenti premanibus. Teste curia.¹

Districtio. Robertus filius Rogeri de Walokeshal distringitur eo quod accessit ad consilium contra defencionem et pro dispectu.²

Finis xii d. Elias de Fraxino de Egebaston dat domino xii d. pro licencia habenda redeundi et eundi super terram domini. Plegii de honesta gestione Petrus de Cimiterio, Thomas de Fraxino. et dominus Henricus de Egebaston manucepit.³

Lex. Willelmus Burnet vadiavit legem quod bene erat

¹ A manumission. The Abbot and Convent grant and quitclaim to Richard Titicus of Birmingham, Thomas, son of John, at the Gate of Warley, their native, with all his family and goods, freed from all villeinage and serfdom. Richard pays 2s. down and $\frac{1}{2}d.$ a year at Michaelmas during Thomas' life.

² Robert was accessory to some plan contrary to prohibition and in despite.

³ Elias of Edgbaston gave the lord 12d. for leave to come and go within the manor, and found pledges for his good behaviour. Sir Henry of Edgbaston gave a guarantee.

essoniatu ad ultimam curiam. Plegii Philippus Jurdan, Johannes Edrich.

Amoris. Datus est dies amoris inter Willelmum Burnet et Thomam Fremon concordandi die dominica. Plegii predicti.

Misericordia vid. Presentatum est per villatam de Halen hutesium levatum inter Ricardum Cole et Willelmum de Dergate ad iniuriam Ricardi. unde in misericordia.

Misericordia vid. Presentatum est hutesium levatum inter Johannem de Pircote et Ricardum Brid ad iniuriam ipsius Johannis.

Galfridus ad Portam invenit plegios satisfacere Thome le Fremon per visum legalium virorum. Plegii Johannes de Werueley, Philippus filius Hugonis. scilicet die dominica.

Misericordia vid. Willelmus Marmiun in misericordia pro transgressione facta Johanni filio Cristine. Plegius.

Respectus. Hugo de Haselbury habet diem usque ad proximam curiam ad consulendum se utrum debet abere lerwyte de tenentibus suis aut Abbas abebit sine placito, et intrabit namium suum si non sint in unum per istos. Plegius se ipsum.¹

Misericordia condonatur. Petrus,² Thomas Colling et alii cum lege sua facienda contra Margeriam le Wyte. Et uterque pars posuerunt se in iudicium curie utrum male presentaverunt super dictam Margeriam aut non. Et curia dixit quod recte presentaverunt. unde Margeria in misericordia. Plegius vicarius.

Finis xvii s. Rondulf Walteri de Oldebury dat domino

¹ Hugh of Hasbury has a day to the next court to advise himself whether he ought to have Lerwyte of his tenants, or if the Abbot shall have it without a plea, and shall enter on Hugh's pledge, if they do not come to an agreement. See A., 3 n³ and 7 n².

Hugh had tenants under him and claimed the merchet and lerwyte of them. Whether he really had the independent position he claimed (A., 3) is not clear. The Abbot resisted the claim, and in the court of 17 March 1270 Hugh gave 6s. 8d. "to hold his tenement by custom as he held it before, the whole court being witness." (A., 7.) It seems almost impossible that eleven years later he could be claiming a lord's rights if this were his only tenement. The natural inference is that he had both a freehold and a customary holding. Unfortunately the last entry on the subject is that in which he pledges himself to shew the Abbot his writings. See Court 77⁶.

² Peter (de Halen), etc. See p. 72.

xvii s. pro uno crofto habendo de terre que fuit Henrici Thedric apud Oueley. Plegii Willelmus filius Athelini, Ricardus de Ruggeacre.

Misericordia vi d. Dicunt tastatores ultra Stouram quod Willelmus Per fregit assisam.

Misericordia vi d. Willelmus Geffrey bis fregit.

Misericordia vi d. Willelmus Bond pro eodem.

Misericordia vi d. Willelmus de Hulle pro eodem.

Misericordia vi d. Matilda Wymarke pro eodem.

Misericordia vi d. Philippus Faber de Werueley pro eodem.

Misericordia vi d. Dicunt tastatores citra Stouram quod Randulfus de Kelmestowe fregit assisam. ideo in misericordia.

Misericordia vid. Ricardus de Sirlet pro eodem.

Misericordia vi d. Willelmus Gilbert pro eodem.

Herietum dimidiam marcam. Philippus filius Roberti de Oldebury pro herieto fratris sui dimidiam marcam.

77⁶ CURIA de eadem die Mercurii proxima post Purificationem Beate Marie Anno regni regis Edwardi nono. [5 Feb. 1281.]

Col. 1.]

i°. Philippus de Wolterhurst de communi per Walterum filium suum.

i°. Willelmus filius Ricardi de Teunhale de communi per Henricum filium Willelmi.

i°. Willelmus Osbern de communi per Galfridum filium suum.

i°. Philippus de Bosco de Oldebury de communi per Thomam filium suum.

i°. Willelmus Fremon de communi per Willelmum filium Ricardi.

i°. Willelmus Donn de communi per Philippum filium Philippi.

i°. Walterus Geffrey de communi per Thomam filium suum.

i°. Willelmus de Teunhal de communi per Henricum filium suum.

i°. Rogerus de Bosco de Oldebury de communi per Ricardum filium Willelmi.

Col. 2.]

i°. Rogerus Ketel de communi per Rogerum filium suum.

i°. Rogerus Ordrich de communi per Ricardum filium suum.

i°. Johannes Borri de Oldebury de communi per Rogerum filium Rogeri.

i°. Willelmus le Per de communi per Rogerum filium suum.

i°. Johannes Simont de communi per Henricum filium suum.

i°. Johannes Simont de communi per Henricum filium suum.

i°. Willelmus Alfret de communi per Ricardum filium Henrici.

i°. Ricardus filius Henrici de communi per Johannem filium Philippi.

ii°. Willelmus de la Grene de communi per Thomam filium Roberti.

i°. Willelmus Bonde de communi per Rogerum filium Thome.

i°. Radulfus de Blakeley de communi per Robertum filium suum.

Full lines]

Districtio. Preceptum est distringere Willelmum King quia vetavit dare Namium ballivo.

Misericordia vid. Alicia le Kinges in misericordia pro lerwyte. Plegius Philippus Balle.

Christian Balle et Thomas de Longeley manuceperunt ad ducendum Julianam le Pineresse ad proximam curiam.¹

Misericordia iis. Presentatum est hutesium levatum per villatam de Oldebury inter Thomam Simont et Thomam Robin ad iniuriam eiusdem Thome.

Misericordia vis. viiid. Dicunt quod Johannes le Squier

¹ Juliana le Pineresse, or Juliana Bele le Peyneresse, as she is called when she appeared at the next court "in misericordia pro lerwyte." Bele may be another spelling of Balle, preferred because she was as fair as she was frail. The possible meanings of pineresse are a pin-maker, a sempstress who made pinners, or connected with the pinfold or pound.

habuit iniuriam de hutesio levato inter ipsum et Juliam Robin. unde idem Johannes in misericordia. Plegius Philippus Lirgan.

Misericordia xii d. Willelmus Burnet in misericordia quia defecit de lege sua. Plegius Thomas le Frense.

Finis viii d. Johannes filius Ricardi de la Hethe habet seysinam de quadam placea terre quam Ricardus pater suus tenuit iuxta portam suam post obitum dicti Ricardi. et dat domino pro seysina habenda viiid.

Seysina xviii d. Memorandum quod Johannes de Teunhale dedit Ricardo fratri suo unam placeam terre jacentem iuxta Lytewode, et si dictus Ricardus in fatum discesserit sine herede de corpore suo dicta terra dicto Johanni sine aliqua contradictione revertatur, nisi dictus Ricardus in vita sua alicui vendiderit. Et dat domino pro seysina habenda xviii d. Plegii Philippus de Hulle, Johannes de Teunhal. Et bis secte.

Seysina. Henricus Tington habet seysinam de quadam placea terre que vocatur Normonesholde cum pertinenciis, quam Willelmus de Willinghurst vendidit eidem Henrico et heredibus suis vel assignatis suis. Et hoc factum fuit per licenciam ballivorum tunc existentium.¹

Misericordia xii d. Hugo ad Portam in misericordia pro transgressione facta Galfrido ad Portam. Plegii Philippus filius Hugonis, Henricus Brid.

Memorandum. Hugo de Haselbury qui petit abere correctionem de Lerwyte petiit diem usque adventum domini Abbatis, et quam citius Abbas adveniat, in presencia ipsius demonstrabit sua instrumenta vel aliud ius speciale, per quod dictus Abbas debet certificari quod ipse dictus Hugo huiusmodi correctionis habere debeat. et ad hoc plegios invenit Galfridum Louecoc, Johannem de Wyteley.²

Misericordia vid. Dicunt tastatores citra Stouram quod Juliana atte Marleput brasaviit parvam.

¹ The sale of the land seems to have been made by leave of the bailiffs, presumably acting for the lord.

² See p. 79. Hugh now asks for his claim to have the correction of lerwyte to be adjourned till the coming of the Abbot, when he will show him his writings.

Misericordia vi d. Ricardus de Sirlet fregit assisam.

Misericordia. Dicunt tastatores ultra Stouram quod Rogerus de Aula vendidit et fuit tastata.

Amoris. Prece Thome Simont datus est illi dies ad concordandum cum Thoma Robin citra diem dominicam vel veniendi ad proximam curiam ad prosequendum placitum suum. Et ad hoc plegios invenit, Philippum Robin, Johannem filium Walteri.

Districtio. Thomas Robin distringitur ad affirmandum suam querelam versus Thomam Simont.

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77⁷ CURIA de Hales die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Mathie Anno regni regis Edwardi Nono. [28 Feb. 1281.]

Col. 1]

ii°. Walterus Geffrey de communi per Rogerum filium Rogeri.

ii°. Willelmus Donn de communi per Rogerum le Wyte.

i°. Willelmus Faber de Oldebury per Johannem fratrem suum.

i°. Johannes Borri de communi per Johannem filium Johannis.

i°. Thomas filius Galfridi de communi per Rogerum filium suum.

i°. Swanus le Per de communi per Philippum filium suum.

i°. Agnes le Archer de communi et contra Thomam le Archer per Johannem d.

Robertus le Palmere de communi et contra eundem per eundem.

Col. 2]

ii°. Rogerus Ordric de communi per Gilbertum filium Thome.

i°. Thomas de Hulle de communi per Ricardum filium suum.

i°. Gilbertus de Illey de communi per Rogerum filium Rogeri.

ii°. Rogerus Ketel de communi per Henricum filium Nicholai.

i°. Thomas filius Ricardi de Oldebury de communi per Johannem filium Willelmi.

i°. Willelmus King de communi per Ricardum filium Willelmi.

i°. Willelmus de Fraxino de communi per Thomam filium Roberti.

Long lines]

Respectus. Presentatum est per villatam de Rugeacre hutesium levatum inter Willelmum Alfret seniore et Feliciam de Rugacre viduam. Et habent diem usque ad ptoximam curiam ad dicendum quis habet iniuriam.

Misericordia vid. Juliana Bele le Peyneresse in misericordia pro lerwyte. Plegius.¹

Misericordia iis. Ricardus le Coc in misericordia pro transgressione facta in bosco. Plegius Thomas Harald.

Misericordia iijs. Idem Ricardus in misericordia quia non fecit officium suum in bosco sicut electus fuit forestarius. Plegii Willelmus filius Willelmi de Teunhal, Thomas Harald.²

Seysina. Thomas filius Rogeri in le Hem habet seysinam de quadam placea terre iuxta Stanborne, quam frater Willelmus emit de heredibus Henrici Broun.

Misericordia iis. Willelmus filius Willelmi de Teunhal in misericordia quia defecit in defencione. Plegii Thomas Harald, Galfridus ad Portam. et testificatur per custodem porcorum quod idem Willelmus deterioravit aprum domini ad dampnum quinque solidorum.³

Finis iis. Agnes le Archer dat domino iis. ut habeat iustitiam si contingat illam implacitari de debito.

Misericordia xii d. Presentata est sanguinis effusio per villatum de Cakemor inter Willelmum le Sawyere et Thomam filium Godith, ad iniuriam ipsius Willelmi.

Districtio. Preceptum est in plena curia quod Thomas filius

¹ See above, p. 81.

² Richard Coc, elected Forester, refused to do his office, and was fined 4s.

³ William of Tewenhal had done 5s. damage to the Abbot's boar.

Radulfi de Blakeley recipiat quandam viduam in uxorem, et quia renuit distringatur.¹

Misericordia xii d. Thomas de Bruera in misericordia quia convicia dixit vicinis suis. Plegii Ricardus le Bedel, Willelmus Odi.²

Districtio. Thomas Snode distringitur ad claudendam hayam suam apud le Combes.³

Misericordia vid. Willelmus de Bruera in misericordia pro transgressione ovium in bosco de Combes. Plegius Thomas in le Put.

Misericordia xii. Ricardus de Notwyke in misericordia quia minavit vicinum suum de capitulo et quia recognovit quod cepit unum urciolum eneam contra defensionem. Plegius Ricardus de Sirlet.⁴

Districtio. Thomas le Archer summonitus non venit. unde consideratum est quod distringatur pro defalta, et quod Agnes le Palmere et Robertus le Palmere recedunt quieti sine die.

Districtio. Nicholaus Faber fuit plegius Thome le Archer ad proseguendum versus Agnetem le Palmere. et (Robertus le Palmere *underlined*)⁵ non comparuit neque per se nec per essoniatorem, unde consideratum est quod distringatur pro defalta.

Misericordia vid. Philippus de Wlterhurst in misericordia quia recepit quemdam hominem de Egebaston sine licencia. Plegius.

Lex. Agnes de Teunhal vadiat legem quod aper domini

¹ Thomas is distrained because he refused to take a certain widow to wife. The lord had authority over the villain tenants' marriages, and a husband was required to work this widow's land.

² A man fined 12d. for saying insulting things to his neighbours.

³ T. Snode distrained to close his fence. This might mean no more than he was to make good the gaps and weak places, but taking into consideration similar orders elsewhere, I think it implies that wherever a fence was needed at some seasons, but not at all seasons, a permanent one was put up with gaps in it, which could easily be shut by hurdles. See p. 91.

⁴ Richard fined because he drove his neighbour from the chapter house, and because he admitted taking a brass jug contrary to order.

⁵ *Robertus le Palmere* is underlined, which presumably means an error, usually indicated by under dotting. If so it was Nich. Smith who did not appear, and was distrained for default.

nullum malum habuit nec per se nec per manupastum suum. Plegii Johannes de Lappol, W. de Teunh[ale].¹

Districtio. Walterus Robin dstringitur [ad] capiendam uxorem, et quia summonitus erat et non venit.²

Districtio. Thomas le Coupere districtus similiter pro eodem.²

Misericordia xii d. Johannes Oniot in misericordia pro concealamento. Plegius Hugo de Haselbury.³

Misericordia v s. Ricardus de Notwyke in misericordia pro eodem. Plegii et tota willata in misericordia pro concealamento de quadam camisia. Plegii Hugo Juvenis, Philippus de Wyteley.³

Misericordia ii s. Ricardus le King in misericordia pro pace terre⁵ contra Willelmum de Fraxino. Plegii Willelmus Per, Willelmus de Longeley.

Misericordia iii s. Dicunt tastatores ultra Stouram quod Nicholaus Faber vendidit cervisiam per unum potellum parvum et noluit vendere per galonem. Plegii J. de Wallokeshal, Thomas de Longeley.⁵

Misericordia vi d. Dicunt tastatores citra Stouram quod Ricardus de Sirlet fregit assisam, unde in misericordia.

Misericordia vi d. Henricus Trolli in misericordia pro eodem.

Respectum. Villata de Illey habet respectum ad quirendum veritatem de redditu retento et de hutesio levato.

Terra que fuit Ricardi de Meley et catalla capiantur in manu domini quousque satisfaciet domino.

¹ Agnes pledged her law that the lord's boar had no harm through her, nor through her servant.

² Robin distrained to take a wife, and for not coming when summoned, and T. Cooper for the same.

³ J. Oniot fined 12*d.* for concealment of stolen goods, not specified. In the next entry it is a chemise which is concealed, and R. of Notwyke, his pledges and the whole township are in mercy about it and fined 5*s.*

⁴ *Pace terre* here and in the 6th entry below. Richard and William, who had a prolonged suit about some land, seem to have come to blows, and were fined 2*s.* and 3*s.* respectively for breach of the peace of the land.

⁵ The offence was that he would only sell his beer by a little pot and not by the gallon. *Parvum* may imply that the pot was short measure.

Misericordia iii s. Willelmus de Fraxino in misericordia pro pace terre.¹

Memorandum de Hugone de Haselbury, et de filia Galfridi Louecoc.

77⁸ CURIA de Hales die mercurii in septimana Pasche Anno regni regis Edwardi Nono. [16 Ap. 1281.]

Col. 1]

iii°. Walterus filius Galfridi de communi per Johannem filium Willelmi. Plegii Johannes de Oldebury, Philippus de Bosco.

i°. Radulfus de Blakeley de communi per Ricardum filium suum. Et calumpniatur eo quod summonitus fuit versus dominum et non fecit [mentionem].

ii°. Willelmus Faber de Oldebury de communi per Thomam filium Walteri. Et calumpniatur quia manucepit esse ad curiam et non venit.²

i°. Willelmus de Teunhal de communi per Johannem filium Radulfi. defalta.

i°. Willelmus Fremon de communi per Willelmum filium Ricardi.

i°. Willelmus Sclater de communi per Willelmum filium Johannis.

i°. Rogerus de Bosco de communi per Ricardum filium Willelmi.

i°. Willelmus Thedrich de communi per Henricum filium suum.

i°. Willelmus de Hulle de communi per Johannem filium Thome.

i°. Willelmus Osbern de communi per Galfridum filium Willelmi.

i°. Willelmus Alfret de communi per Johannem filium Thome Sibili.

¹ See last note but one.

² He had undertaken to be at the court and therefore his *essoin de communi* was not good.

iii°. Gilbertus de Illey de communi per Henricum filium Nicholai. Plegius Ricardus de Illey.

i°. Willelmus de la Grene de communi per Thomam filium Roberti.

i°. Philippus Balle de communi per Ricardum filium Willelmi.

Col. 2]

i°. Philippus Beleiambe de communi per Thomam filium suum.

i°. Johannes Simont de communi per Henricum filium suum.

i°. Philippus filius Thome de communi per Willelmum prepositum.

i°. Ricardus filius Henrici de communi per Johannem filium Philippi.

i°. Thomas de Baresfen de communi per Philippum filium Rogeri.

i°. Philippus Robin de communi per Thomam filium suum.

i°. Rogerus Ketel de communi per Gilbertum de Illey. Plegii Thomas Adam, Willelmus Gilberti.

i°. Petrus de Halen de communi per Johannem filium suum.

i°. Galfridus de Haselbury de communi per Ricardum filium Willelmi.

i°. Philippus de Wolterhurst de communi per Walterum filium suum.

i°. Johannes filius Thome de communi per Henricum filium Thome.

i°. Hugo ad Portam de communi per Ricardum filium Philippi.

Long lines]

Inquisitio facta de bonis Thome de Wallokeshal occisi iuxta Kyderminster dicit quod habet bidentes ad domum Willelmi de Fraxino nescit quot et ad domum Willelmi le Per ii bidentes. et habent respectum ad melius inquirendum.¹

Memorandum de Thoma Mede quia subtraxit se, dat domino

¹ The *Inquisitio post mortem* of Thomas of Walloxhall, slain at Kidderminster, can only report some sheep of his at other men's houses, and has respite for inquiring better.

xs. et annuatim redditum iil. cere ad cameram Abbatis. et quietum clamavit totum ius quod habere potest in villa de Smethethike.¹

Misericordia, Lex concessa. Villata de Cackemor in misericordia pro conclamento de hutesio levato per bedellum domini ad domum Rogeri Ordrich.²

Misericordia. Willelmus (*Brid corrected to*) Brud in misericordia pro defalta. Plegii Thomas Adam, Willelmus Gilbert, de tribus.³

Misericordia. Presentatum est hutesium levatum per villatam de Ruggeacre inter Ricardum Bryd et Rogerum Kynyck ad iniuriam utriusque, unde in misericordia. Plegii Ricardi Thomas Sibily, Willelmus filius W. de Teunhal de duobus amerciamentis.

Misericordia. Dicunt Jurati quod Willelmus le Brut iniuste negavit Ricardo de Lynacre ire viam quam solebat prius ire, unde in misericordia. Et Ricardus se habuit male versus uxorem dicti Willelmi, unde misericordia. Et uxor se male habuit versus dictum Ricardum, unde in misericordia. Plegius Ricardi Ricardus Gregorii.⁴

Misericordia. Presentatum est hutesium levatum per villatam de Rugeacre inter Ricardum filium Sigrim et Agnetem de Teunhale ad iniuriam ipsius Ricardi et ipsius Agnetis. Plegius Agnetis Ricardus Coc.

Dicit inquisitio de Rugeacre.⁵

Thomas filius Radulfi de Blakeley in misericordia quia male se habuit versus patrem suum et matrem. Plegius Willelmus le Per de Longeley de misericordia tantum.

Misericordia. Dicit villata de Rugeacre quod Willelmus

¹ Thomas Mede, because he withdrew himself (from the manor), gives the lord 10s. and 2 lbs. of wax a year for the Abbot's chamber. And he renounced all right that he can have in Smethwick.

² To fail to present a "hue" that had been raised was an offence.

³ ? "for three defaults or fines." See end of next entry "for two amerciaments."

⁴ William was wrong in refusing to allow Richard to go by his usual way. And Richard behaved ill to William's wife, and she to him.

⁵ It is not clear whether this is preface to the next entry or a false start.

Alfret senior et Felicia de Rugeacre levaverunt hutesium ad iniuriam utriusque, unde in misericordia. **Districtio.** **Condonatur.** Et vidua dstringitur pro defalta.¹

Thomas filius Thome le Archer recognovit in plena curia quod tenetur Agneti le Archer in iis. et xid. et inde invenit plegios Thomam de Longeley, Johannem Orm. de quinque denariis quos dicta Agnes petit versus eum habent diem. de debitis ab ipso petitis versus mulierem habent diem.²

Misericordia. Nicholaus Faber de Werueley in misericordia pro plegio Thome le Archer. Plegius Thomas le Archer.

Districtio. Walterus Robyn de Oldebury fecit defaltam sicut prius. unde consideratum est quod melius distringatur.

Districtio. Johannes le Webbe de eadem dstringitur similiter. Et Thomas le Coupere habet respectum.

Preceptum est Nicholao Fabro de Werueley quod retineat bona Sibile filie sue, que habet in custodia sua, quousque satisfecerit domino quia recepta sine licencia super tenementum domini.³

Misericordia. Hugo de Haselbury in misericordia pro sua mala presentatione. Plegius Johannes de Wyteley.

Districtio. Henricus le Archer summonitus pro transgressione non venit, unde consideratum est quod distringatur.

Districtio. Thomas de Lynacre senior, summonitus pro piscaria, fecit defaltam.

Memorandum de quadam terra iuxta hayam, ad videndum illam si teneatur sicut teneri debuit. Et curia dicit quod de

¹ *Et vidua dstringitur* is underlined for cancellation because she was forgiven. The widow is Felicia.

² Thomas admits a debt to Agnes of 2s. 11d. and finds pledges. As to the 5d. which Agnes claims, they have a day. And also as to the debts he claims against her.

³ Nicholas is ordered to retain the goods of his daughter which he has in his keeping until she satisfies the lord for that she was harboured without leave upon the lord's tenement.

terra Willelmi Medici dominus calumpniare non potest, quia omnia bene.¹

Memorandum de redditu Blaunche retento. Et preceptum est quod capiatur in manu domini donec etc.²

Memorandum quod Thomas Snode concessit ponere se super inquisitionem de transgressione facta domino per pullanum et cetera animalia. Et habet diem usque ad proximam curiam sine essionia.³

Respectus. Philippus Joie habet diem usque ad proximam curiam ad probandum quoddam debitum versus Johannem Walteri de Oldebury per quatuor legales.⁴ Et idem Johannes se ponit similiter.

Thomas de Haselbury recognovit quod tenuit quoddam tenementum per undecim annos et nec inde fecit domino nec communitati quod facere debuit aliquid. et ideo preceptum est quod tenementum illud capiatur in manu domini quousque fecerit.⁵

Johannes capellanus dicit in plena curia quod non faciet sectam ad curiam domini neque recognitionem nec aliquid aliud ratione tenementi sui nec unquam pater suus fecit. et hoc plene recognovit quia dicit tenere illud se de sancta ecclesia. **Capiatur.** Tota curia dicit quod Thomas Aleyn et omnes antecessores sui plene in omnibus fecerunt sectam consuetudines et omnia alia servicia pro tenemento suo in Hales quod Johannes capellanus filius dicti Thome per dimissionem fratris sui Ricardi nunc tenet tam intrinseca quam forinseca. et quod dictus Johannes eadem in omnibus facere debet sicut communitas totius

¹ Some land by a fence is to be viewed to see if it is held as it ought to be, *i.e.*, if the boundary has been shifted. The court says that the lord has nothing to bring against W. the doctor on this score.

² Her land was to be taken into the lord's hand until she had paid up her rent.

³ Trespass by a colt and other animals.

⁴ A "lawful" man was one who stood right in the court, *i.e.*, not outlawed, excommunicate, or infamous.

⁵ Thomas acknowledged that he held a tenement for 11 years, and neither to the lord nor to the community did he do a thing that was due. His holding is to be taken into the lord's hand until he has done his dues.

manerii. et tenementum illud capiatur in manu domini, quia nec ipse Johannes nec alius heres fecit inde domino quod facere debuit.¹

Misericordia. Dicunt tastatores ultra Stouram quod Matilda Wymarke braciavit parva, unde in misericordia.

Misericordia. Dicunt tastatores citra Stouram quod Johannes le Knyt vendidit contra assisam.

[? **Finis**] xiiis. iiid. (Memorandum de *struck out*) Wilhelmo Alfret dat domino xiiis. iiid. pro redditu retento per xi annos. Plegii Thomas Sibily, Johannes de Werueley.

Districtio. Felicia de Oldebury distringitur.

Finis xiiis. iiid. Ricardus Cocus dat domino pro transgressionem xiiis. iiid.

Memorandum de fine Ricardi de Rugeacre.

Memorandum de Thoma Simont de tribus solidis pro serviente suo.

Misericordia iis. Willelmus King in misericordia quia attinctus est quia negavit dare namium bedello bis. Plegius Johannes de Wallokeshal.

Finis. Philippus Harald dat domino pro secta curie vid.

Preceptum est quod omnes haye sint incluse circa rura communia ubique sub pena unius vomeris citra diem dominicam.²

Misericordia vid. Memorandum de Johanne le Child de transgressionem facta ballivo domini et de pace fracta, habent diem. Et idem Johannes in misericordia pro eodem. Plegius Willelmus atte Leye.

¹ John the chaplain says in full court that he will do neither suit to the lord's court, nor acknowledgment, nor anything else in respect of his holding. Nor did his father ever do so. And this he fully admitted, because he says he holds of holy Church. The court says that Thomas Aleyn, the father of John, and his ancestors did suit, customs and all other services both within and without the manor for the tenement which John now holds by demise of his brother Richard. And John ought to do the same as everyone else in the manor. And let his tenement be taken into the lord's hand, because neither he nor another heir did for it what he ought to do to the lord. See p. 104.

² This court was held on Wednesday. The order to shut all the fences round the common fields by Sunday clearly proves the existence of permanent fences, with gaps in them. The penalty for disobedience was a plough-share.

Villata de Haselbury calumpniatur de concelamento cuiusdam pelfri¹ facta in eadem villa.

Memorandum de tenemento Willelmi Drytul et de relevio filii sui.

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77⁹ CURIA de Hales die Mercurii in vigilia Apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi Anno regni regis Edwardi Nono. [31 Ap. 1281.]

ii°. Johannes Simont de communi per Ricardum filium Willelmi.

i°. Robertus le Palmere de communi per Simonem filium Thome, et calumpniatur eo quod fuit plegius Agnetis le Archer veniende ad curiam et illa non venit.²

Willelmus Osbern de communi.

Thomas Rondulf de communi.

Willelmus de Rugacre.

i°. Henricus Tinctor de communi per Henricum Pistorem.

i°. Galfridus de Haselbury.

i°. Johannes Trolly de communi per Ricardum filium Roberti.

Willelmus King de Wallokeshal.

Willelmus Bonde de Oldebury.

Hugo de Haselbury de communi per.

Willelmus Burnet.

Henricus de Honenton.

Willelmus Brut.

Athelina de Teunhale relictæ Ricardi de Teunhal, que partem terre sue dimisit Willelmo filio suo et partem sibi ad vitam suam retinuit, invenit securitatem de quinque solidis reddendis domino post decessum suum nomine herietæ. Plegii Ricardus Coc, Willelmus filius Willelmi de Teunhal, Willelmus filius dicte Atheline.³

¹ A pilfering or thing pilfered.

² Palmer's essoin from a common suit (ordinary attendance) was challenged because he was pledge for the appearance of Agnes Archer, and she did not come.

³ A widow, who has demised part of her land to her son and kept part herself for her life, finds three sureties for the payment of 5s. as a heriot on her death.

Lex. Villata de Cackemor vadiat legem contra ballivum domini quod nullum hutesium levavit ad domum Rogeri Ordric. Plegii unusquisque alterius plegius.

Finis iiiis. Walterus Robin dat domino iiiis. quod non distringatur amplius capiendum uxorem et pro prioribus defaltis. Plegius Frater Johannes de Coventre.¹

Districtio. Johannes le Webbe ad huc melius distringatur. Et Thomas le Coupere habet respectum usque ad adventum vicarii.

Finis xiiid. Johannes filius Ricardi de Oldebury dat domino xiiid. pro omni transgressione prius facta et ad abendum bonam voluntatem celerarii. Plegius Thomas filius Ricardi de Oldebury. Ita quod si amplius male se habuerit leventur iis. quos vadiavit.²

Preceptum est Petro de Halen quod reddat Johanni Claudio de Oldebury xviiid. quos ei debet de antiquo debito citra proximam curiam sub pena misericordie domini in duplicato.³

Agnes le Archer vocatus non venit unde consideratum est quod distringatur pro defalta.

Respectus. Isekin Aleyn habet diem usque ad proximam dominicam loquendi cum celerario pro lerwyte.

Lex. Henricus le Archer vadiat legem quod piscatus non est in clausis piscariis et aquis domini. Plegii Galfridus le Per, Thomas atte Brock.⁴

Willelmus Albus de Haselbury in misericordia eo quod receptavit meremium quod fuit de tenemento Blanche quociens filius eius illud emit et asportavit. Plegius.⁵

¹ Walter Robin had been distrained to take a wife (p. 86) and defaulted (p. 90). He now gives 4s. to be allowed to remain single.

² John gives 1s. for all previous trespass, and to have the good will of the Celarer. If he misbehaves again the 2s. which he pledged will be taken.

³ "Under penalty of a double fine."

⁴ Archer pledges his law that he has not fished in the enclosed (i.e., preserved) ponds and waters of the lord.

⁵ The offence seems to be that Blanche sold timber, which she had no business to sell, to White's son, and White received it.

Philippus Joye et Johannes Walteri habuerunt diem ad probandum quoddam debitum iiii. vii. d. de quodam Jumento quod fuit Ricardi patris dicti P. et quia idem Philippus cum terra fuit in custodia Philippi de Werueley, Rogeri Ordric et J. Thedrich, et etiam illud iumentum dimissum fuit Johanni Walteri per tales custodes et non per Philippum predictum, consideratum est quod ille Johannes Walteri inde quietus et Philippus recuperet debitum predictum versus custodes predictos.¹

Lex. Thomas le Haselbury vadiat legem quod non manuoperatus est in tenemento suo postquam captum fuit in manu domini. Plegii Johannes de Wyteleye, Willelmus de Turkeby.

Quietum clamatio. Memorandum quod Willelmus de Fraxino concessit et quietum clamavit pro se et heredibus suis domino Abbati et conventui de Hales et eorum successoribus unam placeam prati que vocatur Burdebrock, quam Ricardus le King aliquando tenuit, pro septem solidis, quos predicti Abbas et conventus sibi dederunt premanibus.

Seysina. Ricardus le King habet seysinam de quadam placea prati que vocatur Burdebrock que quidem Willelmus de Fraxino quietum clamavit domino in plena curia, et reddit per annum xiiii d.

Misericordia. Willelmus Teyng in misericordia pro transgressione facta in mora et haiys Thome de Cackemor per Agnetem Walreuen tenentem suam. Plegius Thomas le Frense.²

Districtio. Godith de Cackemor distringitur pro receptatione Alicie ad Portam malefactoris. et manet ad huc ad domum Willelmi Burnet similiter districti.³

Lex. Philippus Jurdan vadiat legem quod non asportavit

¹ Philip Joye and J. Walters had a day to prove a debt of 3s. 8d. for a mare which had belonged to Philip's father, and had been demised to Walters by Philip's guardians and not by him. Verdict: Walters is quit, and Philip can recover from his guardians. See p. 104, where Philip of Warley, one of the guardians, is distrained.

² Teyng is fined for the trespass of his tenant.

³ Godith is distrained for harbouring Alice, an evildoer, who has gone on to William Burnet's, who is likewise distrained.

unum croppum extra moram Thome de Cackemor. Plegii Thomas le Frense, Willelmus Abovebrock.

Districtio. Plegii Thome Badde melius distringantur quia nolunt se iustificare per namia prius capta.¹

Seysina iiiis. Lucia filia Willelmi Fabri de Oldebury habet seysinam de quodam crofto terre jacente in Wallokesdale iuxta le Wytesiche de dono Willelmi Fabri fratris sui. Ita quod reddat redditum eidem fratri suo scilicet quatuor denarios per annum post obitum matris sue et iid. tantum ad vitam eius. et si obierit sine herede corporis sui dicta terra revertatur predicto Willelmo et non aliter. Et dat domino pro licentia habenda iiiis.²

Johannes filius Henrici le Cok releviavit terram que fuit patris sui et habet inde seysinam per Galfridum tunc Celerarium pro viis. nomine relevii. Ita quod si frater eius senior advenerit reddat eidem Johanni dictos viis. et faciat voluntatem domini pro novo relevio si terram illam tenere voluerit. Faciet duas sectas ad curiam unam post Nativitatem et aliam post Pascham per unum annum tantum.³

Consideratum est quod Willelmus filius Philippi de Wilinghurst reddat domino annuum redditum quem reddere consuevit Edithe Blaunche eodem modo Henrico Tinctori et Margerie la Wite et aliis tenentibus.⁴

Thomas Steynulf dimisit Rogero de Volatu duos seliones jacentes in Campo de Halen inperpetuum. Ita quod dictus Rogerus eos habeat toto tempore vite sue et post decessum

¹ T. Badde's pledges are to be better distrained because the distraint made before does not bring them to court.

² William Smith gives his sister Lucy a croft at a rent of 4*d.* after their mother's death, but only 2*d.* while she is alive. Reversion to William if Lucy dies childless.

³ John gives 7*s.* as relief for his father's land. If his elder brother turns up and wishes to have the land, he shall repay John and do the lord's will as to a new relief.

⁴ William is to pay to the lord the rent which he used to pay to Edith Blaunche, in the same way as H. Dyer, M. White and other tenants. This seems to have been because Edith was in arrears with her rent to the lord. See p. 103.

dicti Rogeri Abbati et conventui remaneant in perpetuum, sine redditu.¹

Philippus de Hulle et Thomas de Hulle queruntur de Ricardo de Cackemor.

Rondulf Walteri relaxatur quia non affirmatur per plegios.²

Dicit villata de Halen quod Willelmus de Halen fecit purpresturam super dominum.

Ad huc villata de Haselbury calumpniatur de concelatione cuiusdam pelfre.³

Memorandum de tenemento Willelmi Drichul et de relevio filii sui.

Memorandum de herede Ricardi de Melley.

77¹⁰ CURIA de Hales tenta die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Dunstani Anno regni regis Edwardi Nono. [25 May 1281.]

i°. Rogerus Ketel de communi per Rogerum filium suum.

i°. Willelmus Thedrich de communi per Henricum filium suum.

Johannes Walteri de communi per Willelmum filium suum.

Johannes de Wallokesdale de communi per Hugonem filium Rogeri.

i°. Philippus Joye de communi per J. filium Rogeri.

i°. Thomas Burnet de communi per Rogerum filium suum.

i°. Willelmus Alfret de communi per Thomam fratrem suum.

i°. Johannes Faber de Bruera de quadam lege per W. filium Simonis.

i°. Willelmus de Teunhal de communi per Galfridum de Caldewell.

i°. Swanus le Per de communi per Philippum filium suum.

¹ The interpretation of this appears to be that the Abbot and Convent excused Roger of the Falconry the rent of this land, on condition that it became their absolute property at his death. If such transactions had been general, villeinage would have become the only form of tenure.

² Rondulf is excused for not being secured by pledges.

³ Pelfra, a "pilfering" or "thing pilfered."

i°. Petrus de Halen de communi per Johannem filium suum.

i°. Willelmus Donn de communi per Nicholaum filium Ade.

i°. Johannes Borri de communi per Rogerum filium Rogeri.

i°. Galfridus ad Portam de communi per Willelmum filium Johannis.

i°. Thomas Haralt de communi per Willelmum filium Alicie.

ii°. Robertus le Palmere de communi per Henricum filium Thome. et calumpniatur ut prius.

i°. Johannes filius Thome de Wallokeshale de communi per Simonem filium Thome.

ii°. Galfridus de Haselbury de communi per Henricum le Tornur.

i°. Philippus de Wlterhurst de communi per Walterum filium suum.

Memorandum de tenemento Willelmi de Drichul et de relevio filii sui.

Misericordia, in respectu. Presentatum est hutesium levatum per villatam de Halen inter Willelmum Waleys capellanum et Ricardum Cole et Johannem filium Rogeri de Aula ad iniuriam Willelmi et Ricardi.¹

Henricus le Archer optulit se ad legem suam faciendam et plenarie fecit et sic recessit quietus.

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Presentatum est hutesium levatum per villatam de Wallokeshal inter Philippum de Hulle et homines Thome de Madenhach ad iniuriam predictorum hominum dicti Thome, qui non sunt distringibiles domino Abbati.²

Misericordia. Presentatum est hutesium levatum per villatam

¹ William the chaplain and Cole were in fault.

² Madenhach, wherever it may be, was outside the lord's jurisdiction, and Thomas' men, who were in fault, could not be distrained.

de Rugeacre inter Agnetem filiam Willelmi Medici et Agnetem Brides ad iniuriam Agnetis Medici.

Misericordia iiii s. Villata de Cackemor optulit se ad faciendum unam legem quam vadiavit, et calumpniata est lex eo quod plures ex eis qui legem vadiaverunt fecerunt defaultam, cum plenius venisse debuerunt sicut iunctam legem vadiaverunt per solum vadium et plegiagium. Et iterum quia Johannes Thedrich negavit quod pro nullo alio vadiavit nisi pro sua propria persona, unde, quia se retraxerunt de sua lege, vadiat legem. plegii Thomas de Hyddeley, Philippus Beleiambe.¹

Philippus Jurdan optulit se cum lege sua facienda et plenarie fecit et recessit quietus.

Johannes le Webbe invenit plegios satisfacere domino ad adventum suum. Plegii Walterus frater eius, Ricardus de Adenebrock.

Misericordia xii d. Isekin Alen in misericordia pro leyrwyte. Plegius.

Misericordia. Distringatur. Presentatum est hutesium levatum per villatam de Lappol inter Thomam de Caldewell et in Aliciam sororem suam ad iniuriam ipsius Thome.

Summonitio. Philippus de Hulle, Thomas Ricardi de Oldebury, Johannes Borri summoniti sunt responsuri domino Abbati de transgressione (quod inpedierunt ballivum domini levare hutesium *underlined as error*) quam fecerunt domino Abbati prima die dominica quadragesime Anno regni regis Edwardi Nono ad capitalem domum que fuit quondam Rogeri Ordric, ubi dictus Abbas seysinam cepit de toto tenemento quod fuit predicti Rogeri, salvo iure cuiuslibet, per Willelmum bedellum. Ibi venerunt predicti Philippus, Thomas et Johannes contra pacem domini Abbatis dictum Willelmum expulerunt nomine predicti Abbatis a seysina predicta eiecerunt impediētes dictum Willelmum quod hutesium levare non potuit extrahentes cornu

¹ Most of the township of Cakemore defaulted when they ought to have come in full number to make their law, seeing it was a joint law and by a single pledge. It was also challenged because Thedrich, who did come, said he was answering for himself only and no one else. Wherefore, because they had withdrawn from their law, he pledges his law.

ab ore suo, in dampno domini Abbatis xx s. et in huntagio xx s. Et aramaietur secta.¹

Misericordia xii d. Consideratum est per curiam quod Petrus de Halen distringatur pro quadam misericordia duodecim denariorum, quam quidem misericordiam concessit domino Abbati ad ultimam curiam nisi solveret Johanni Claudio citra curiam istam septemdecim denarios, nec eos ad huc solvit.

Querela. Philippus de Hulle acopatus fuit per celerarium nomine Abbatis et conventus quod die Jovis proximo preterito in tribus septimanis elapsis venit idem Philippus apud Wallokes-hale in alta via exposito domus Willelmi de Longeley, et ibi se fecit ballivum in preiudicio et contra pacem domini domini Abbatis et ballivorum suorum, cum ballivus non extitit, athachiendo unam caretam in dampno dicti Abbatis et conventus xl s. et huntagio x s. et inde secta aramiata fuit. **Responsum.** Dictus vero Philippus presens fuit et defendit preiudicium domini Abbatis et iniuram et dampnum et huntagium, et dixit quod non tenetur ad diem istum respondere, eo quod non fuit summonitus nec athachiatus. Ad hoc responsum est quod plenarie tenetur respondere eo quod intravit in responsionem, et inde iudicium ponitur in respectu usque adventum domini Abbatis vel ad proximam curiam.²

Seysina. Memorandum quod Ricardus de Rugeacre reddidit in manu Abbatis tres diurnas³ terre arabilis et unum pratum que

¹ The Abbot had taken seizin of the capital house where Roger Ordric used to live and of his whole tenement, by William the beadle. Philip, Thomas and John came and turned the beadle out, and prevented him from raising hue by taking the horn from his mouth. The Abbot puts his loss at 20s. and his shame at 20s. *Huntagium* from "honte." *Pudor* is the usual word.

² Philip of Hill was accused by the Celarer that on Thursday three weeks in the high road at Walloxhall, opposite W. of Langley's house, he made himself bailiff, when he was not one, and took possession of a cart, causing 40s. loss and 10s. shame to the Abbot and convent. His attendance was pledged. Philip came and denied the Abbot's injury, etc., and said that he is not bound to answer that day because he was neither summoned nor arrested. The answer to this was that he is bound to answer because he began doing so. Judgment about this is respited to the coming of the Abbot or the next court.

³ *Diurna*, the amount that can be ploughed in a day.

vocantur Huelont. Ita quod dictus Abbas concedat Ricardo de Syrlet dictam terram et pratum ad tenendum sibi et heredibus suis faciendo inde et reddendo sectam et servitium que ad dictam terram pertinet. Et idem Ricardus fecit feoditatem et recognovit servitium suum videlicet quatuor denarios annuos et duas sectas.

Misericordia vid. Rogerus atte Pirie vadiavit misericordiam pro quodam hutesio levato. Plegius Thomas Colling.

Relevium xvi s. Memorandum quod Willelmus filius Ricardi de Meley habet seysinam de terra quam pater suus tenuit. Et dat domino pro relevio sexdecim denarios. Plegii Philippus atte Lowe, Willelmus Gilbert.

Finis iiii s. Memorandum quod Willelmus de Teunhal et Thomas Sigrim dant domino tres solidos ad habendum conservationem duodecim virorum fidedignorum curie de conventionibus inter eos factis de tenemento dicti Thome ex eo quod dictus Willelmus relaxabit dicto Thome unum annum sui termini ut de exigentia cuiusdam recognitionis domino Abbati facte que est in angaria inter eos. et ad hoc fideliter tenendum tactis sacrosanctis iuraverunt et in inquisitione subscripta se posuerunt. quorum nomina sunt hec : Philippus de Hulle, Henricus de Honenton, Thomas Ricard, Ricardus Cocus de Werueley, Johannes de Werueley, Thomas de Rugacre, Ricardus Coc, Johannes Thedrich, Thomas de Longeley, Philippus filius Hugonis, Willelmus atte Leye, Willelmus Alfret.¹

Lex. Hugo de Haselbury vadiavit unam legem pro se et omnibus suis quod nullus eorum fecit rescussum de quodam histrione qui unum lincheamen voluit furasse, nec hutesium levavit. Plegii de lege Johannes de Wyteley Johannes Oniot.²

¹ William had taken a tenement from Thomas for a term of years and had given up one year because of the requirement of an acknowledgment made to the Abbot, which is in doubt between them. They give 3s. for a decision by 12 trustworthy men of the court and swear to abide by it.

Angaria, properly an "exaction," is here confused with *angor*, "anxiety" or "doubt," just as *conservatio* is used for *consideratio* above.

² Hugh pledged a law for himself and all his that none of them had rescued an actor who tried to steal a lamp, nor raised hue.

Misericordia xii d. Dicunt tastatores cervisie quod Johannes Simont fregit assisam, unde in misericordia.

Misericordia vi d. Dicunt tastatores citra Stouram quod Juliana Alen fregit assisam, unde in misericordia.

Misericordia vi d. Ricardus de Syrlet in misericordia pro eodem.

(Hugo ad Portam summoniatur ad respondendum *struck out*.)

Summonitio. Willelmus Osbern summoniatur ad respondendum Hugoni ad Portam de placito debiti.

Finis vi pulli. Hugo ad Portam dat domino sex pullos gallinarios¹ loco plegii prosequendi versus Willelmum Osbern. Plegius Philippus Lirigan.

77¹¹ CURIA de Hales die Mercurii in crastino sancti Johannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi Nono. [25 June 1281.]

i°. Willelmus de Wyllinghurst de communi per Thomam filium Willelmi.

i°. Walterus Geffrey de Oldebury de communi per Rogerum filium Rogeri.

i°. Ricardus filius Henrici de eadem per Johannem filium Philippi.

i°. Willelmus Bonde de eadem de communi per Ricardum filium Willelmi.

i°. Thomas Simont de communi per Radulfum filium Willelmi.

i°. Willelmus Thedrich de communi per Thomam filium Walteri.

i°. Willelmus filius Ricardi de Teunhal de communi per Willelmum filium Willelmi.

i°. Henricus Brid de communi per Philippum filium Philippi.

i°. Thomas Ricard de communi per Willelmum filium Johannis.

i°. Willelmus Alfret de communi per Ricardum filium Henrici.

¹ Six chickens given as a pledge to prosecute.

i°. Willelmus de Rugeacre de communi per Thomam filium suum. Calumpniatur quia filius heres est.¹

ii°. Ricardus le King de communi per Rogerum Burnet.

i°. Thomas de Baresten de communi per Johannem filium Rogeri.

i°. Willelmus de la Grene de communi per Thomam filium Roberti.

ii°. Johannes Borri de communi per Henricum filium Willelmi.

i°. Willelmus filius Willelmi de Teunhal de communi per Johannem filium Thome.

i°. Gilbertus de Illey de communi per Thomam filium Ricardi.

Attachiamentum. Philippus Lirgan queritur de Galfrido Louecoc de Haselbury, et invenit plegios prosequendi, Thomam de Hulle, Johannem Oniot. ideo attachiatur.

Districtio. Preceptum est distringere tenementum Edithe Blanche pro arreragiis redditus sui trium denariorum.

Preceptum est distringere tenementum Johannis Trolli pro arreragiis redditus.

Preceptum est quod tota terra quam Willelmus Donn tradidit ad firmam capiatur in manu domini.

Finis xs. Redditus ii d. Ricardus de Adenebroch dat domino xs. pro libertate Johannis le Webbe scilicet quod possit ire et redire sicut liber homo quietus et solutus ab omni servitute et servili conditione, Ita quod dominus Abbas nullum ius nec clamium Nativitatis seu servitutis unquam de cetero versus predictum Johannem vel sequela sua exigere possit, pro i pare calcarium domino redditura annuatim de pretio duorum denariorum vel duos denarios ad Natale domini. Plegii Philippus filius Roberti, Willelmus Faber de Oldebury.²

Misericordia xii d. Ricardus filius Willelmi de Ternhul in misericordia pro hutesio et sanguine effuso. Plegius Thomas Simont.

¹ *f. heres. e'*. What can be the meaning of this ?

² Ten shillings fine, and every year a twopenny pair of spurs or twopence is paid for the manumission of John le Webbe and his family.

Districtio. Preceptum est quod terra Blanche pro redditu retento.

Preceptum est quod Philippus de Werueley distringatur ad reddendum Philippo Joie iis. viiid. Et predictus Philippus in misericordia pro iniusta detentione.¹

Misericordia vid. Henricus le Tornur de Hales in misericordia quia non habuit warentum suum de quodam costerello.² Plegius.

Misericordia xii d. Johannes Trolli capellanus recognovit se debere consuetudines et servicia videlicet in tallagio et in aliis serviciis sicut antecessores sui facere consuerunt. et pro iniusta detentione idem Johannes in misericordia. Plegius Thomas Colling.³

Herietum iis. Thomas le Archer reddidit domino suo totam terram suam et dat domino pro herieto iis. sub tali conditione quod Abbas dimitteret Agneti del Gorstes totam terram predictam cum pertinentiis et heredibus suis de corpore suo procreatis, et si predicta Agnes obiit sine herede de corpore suo procreato tota predicta terra cum pertinentiis predicto Thome revertatur vel heredibus suis. **Seysina i marca.** Et dat domino pro seysina habenda unam marcam. Plegii Nicholaus Faber de Werueley, Thomas de Longeley, Radulfus in le Gorstes.⁴

Misericordia vi pulli. Thomas de Haselbury in misericordia quia defecit in lege sua.

Terra Willelmi capellani capiatur in manu domini.

Misericordia iis. Hugo de Haselbury in misericordia quia defecit in lege sua. Plegius Johannes de Wyteley.

(Thomas de Caldewell in misericordia pro hutesio levato *struck out.*)

Presentatum est quod homines Willelmi Fokeram ceperunt

¹ See p. 95.

² Drinking cup.

³ See p. 92. This John Trolli was the son of Thomas Aleyn. Surnames were in a very fluid state at this time.

⁴ Thomas the Archer transfers his land to Agnes of the Gorstes and the heirs of her body. Reversion to Thomas and his heirs. Thomas gives 3s. as a heriot and a mark is paid for seizin.

averia Philippi filii Hugonis et fugaverunt extra comitatum Salopie in comitatum Wygornie unde hutesium levatum fuit.¹

Misericordia. Osbern. Willelmus Osbern in misericordia pro transgressione facta Hugoni ad Portam. Plegii Willelmus atte Leye, Philippus filius Hugonis.

Querela, districtio. Willelmus Abovebrock queritur de Willelmo (Donn *underlined*) de Lodeley, et idem Willelmus distringitur.

Districtio. Philippus Geront distringitur pro transgressione facta in bosco domini.

Districtio. Willelmus le Feys summonitus est et non venit pro transgressione facta in bosco domini, unde distringitur.

Lex. Philippus Prutel vadiat legem quod non transgressus fuit in bosco domini. Plegii Rogerus de Bosco, Thomas Simont.

Districtio. Willelmus Bonde de Oldebury distringitur pro transgressione bosci scilicet pro xxv alnis.²

Misericordia vid. Thomas in le Put in misericordia pro transgressione facta super hayas domini. Plegii Philippus de Hulle, Willelmus Wymarke.

Terra quam Willelmus Modi tradidit ad terminum Hugoni ad Aulam capiatur in manu domini.

Districtio. Thomas de Bruera (Thomas atte Pirie *underlined*). Willelmus Burnet pro defalta.

Districtio. Henricus le Per distringitur pro ii denariis quos Celarius pacavit pro se.³

Misericordia vid. Dicunt tastatores ultra Stouram quod Willelmus Geffrey fregit assisam, unde in misericordia.

Misericordia. Dicunt tastatores citra Stouram quod Tand' de Kelmestowe braciavit parvam, unde in misericordia.

¹ Sir William Fokeram was lord of Warley Wigorn. His men took beasts of Philip's and drove them outside the county of Salop into the county of Worcester, and hue was raised. At the next court it was ordered that Fokeram be distrained by his beasts if any can be found in the Abbot's fee. See A 164, 206.

² Alders.

³ The Celarer had paid his fine for him and sought to recover it.

Misericordia xii d. Thomas de Linacre in misericordia pro eodem.

77¹² CURIA de Hales die Veneris in crastino sancti Kenelmi Anno regni regis Edwardi Nono. [18 July 1281.]

i°. Willelmus A Bovebrock de communi per W. filium Willelmi.

i°. Philippus le King de communi.

i°. Philippus de Wlterhurst.

i°. Galfridus Louecoc versus Philippum Lirgan per Henricum Pistorem.

i°. Johannes Thedrich.

i°. Philippus Jurdan.

Rogerus de Bosco.

i°. Alanus in le Holies.

i°. Willelmus le Fremon.

i°. Willelmus Donn.

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Lex. Johannes Oniot vadiat legem contra ballivum domini quod averia G. Louecoc inparcata pro transgressione facta P[hilippo] Lirgan non fuerunt liberata per ipsum Johannem. Plegii Hugo de Haselbury, Ricardus de Sirlet.¹

Districtio. Presentatum est per villatum de Wallokeshale hutesium levatum inter Philippum Jeye et Willelmum de Lyttlewell ad iniuriam ipsius W.

Misericordia vi d. Presentatum est per villatam de Halen sanguinem effusum inter Nicholaum le Masun et Willelmum Golden ad iniuriam ipsius Nicholai. Et consideratur per totam curiam quod idem Nicholaus per corpus suum attachietur et salvo custodiatur donec paci et leso satisfecerit secundum legem.²

Misericordia vi d. Presentatum est per eandem villatam hutesium levatum inter Henricum King et Thomam Steynulf ad iniuriam cuius nesciunt sed habent diem ad inquirendum citra proximam curiam de iniuria. et habent licentiam concordandi

¹ John denied having set free Louecoc's beasts from the pound.

² Nicholas is to be arrested and kept safe until he has given satisfaction for peace broken and wound inflicted.

salvis salvandis. nunc presentatum est ad iniuriam utriusque, unde in misericordia ambo. Plegii Thome Thomas Colling, Rogerus atte Pirie. Plegius Henrici Phillippus Lirgan.¹

Misericordia vid. Thomas filius Willelmi atte Dergate invenit plegium scilicet Hugonem Molendinarium ad veniendum in curiam et ad emendendum transgressionem factam Henrico le Tornur. Et neuter venit. Unde consideratum est per totam curiam quod uterque in misericordia pro defalta.

Districtio. Preceptum est quod Thomas filius Willelmi de Dergate distringatur ad respondendum Henrico le Tornur de eadem transgressione.

Misericordia vid. Presentatum est per villatam de Illey hutesium levatum inter Nicholaum filium Matilde Jones et Henricum filium Willelmi ad iniuriam Nicholai.

Memorandum quod Vicarius de Hales, Johannes le Squier et alii, de quorum nominibus inquirendum datus est dies usque ad proximam curiam, tenent de terra domini, non facta voluntate domini pro eadem.

Summonitio. Preceptum est quod Editha Blanche, Henricus Tinctor, Willelmus de Wyllinghurst, Willelmus Wytyng, Thomas Faber, Agnes le Seriant, sint ad proximam curiam ad respondendum de redditu retento de terra predictae Edithae.

Misericordia xii d. Hugo de Mouwelowe in misericordia pro transgressione facta in vasto domini. Plegius Willelmus Teyng.

Districtio. Preceptum est quod dominus W. Fokeram distringatur per averia sua si que inventa fuerint in feodo domini pro transgressione supradicta.

Misericordia Responsio. Willelmus Abbouebrock non prosequitur querelam suam versus W. de Lodel[ey]. ideo in misericordia.

Districtio. Philippus Geront ad huc distringitur.

Misericordia xii d. Willelmus le Feys in misericordia pro transgressione facta in bosco domini. Plegius.

¹ King and Steynulf, into whose quarrel the Court had to inquire, were given the option of coming to an agreement, but evidently did not take it. The Court found both to blame.

Misericordia. Condonatur. Adhuc consideratum est per totam curiam quod Philippus de Werueley reddat Philippo Joye iii s. iiii d. nomine jumenti unde prius fit mentio. Postmodo venit idem Philippus et invenit plegios ad solvendum dictos denarios. Plegii Johannes de Lappol, Ricardus Coc. Et idem Philippus in misericordia pro iniusta detentione per predictos plegios.¹

Misericordia ii s. Philippus Prutel in misericordia pro se et plegiis suis quia defecit de lege sua et pro transgressionem bosci. Plegius Willelmus Thedrich.

Misericordia xii d. Willelmus Bonde in misericordia pro transgressionem bosci prout patet in alia curia. Plegius Willelmus Medicus.

Misericordia ii s. Johannes de Honeford in misericordia quia non assartavit unam placiam terre ad novam grangiam sicut conventio facta fuit. Plegius.²

Distrietio. Thomas de Bruera, Thomas Burnet distringuntur pro defalta.

Dicunt tastatores cervisie ultra Stouram quod assisa bene custoditur.

Dicunt tastatores citra Stouram similiter.

Duos dies. Agnes Rugge debet duos dies in autumpno.

Duos dies. Editha uxor Willelmi atte Dergate debet ii dies.

77¹³ CURIA de Hales die Mercurii proximo ante festum sancti Laurencii Anno regni regis Edwardi Nono. [16 Aug. 1281.]

Respectus. Adhuc ponitur in respectu de essoniatoribus usque adventum Abbatis ad supplicationem hominum manerii.

Misericordia vid. Johannes Oniot in misericordia quia defecit de lege sua. Plegius Hugo de Haselbury.

Distrietio. Ad huc Willelmus de Lytlewell distringitur si aliquid inventum fuerit super feodum domini.

¹ See p. 95.

² John of Honeford had agreed to assart (clear for cultivation) a plot of land at the new grange. See A lxix, 6, note 1, and 9, note 2,

Misericordia, ii dies in autumpno. Thomas filius Willelmi atte Dergate in misericordia pro defalta. Plegius.

Johannes le Squier, Johannes Ade de Haselbury, Johannes atte Brock tenent de terra Willelmi Donn ad terminum sine licentia domini. Et capiatur in manu domini quousque satisfecerint domino.¹

Item mora quam Ricardus de Notwyke tradidit Nicholao Fabro ad terminum capiatur in manu domini.

Districtio. Ad huc preceptum est quod dominus W. Fokeram distringatur.

Finis vi d. Willelmus Abbovebrock dat domino pro quadam bidente matrice.²

Districtio. Philippus Geront ad huc distringitur.

Misericordia xii d. Willelmus le Feys in misericordia pro transgressione facta in bosco de Lytehode. Plegius Thomas filius Thome de Rugeacre.

Misericordia. Districtio. Presentatum est per villatam de Halen quod filius Ricardi le Walkere, Willelmus le Pelter, et quidam extraneus venerunt ad domum Rogeri de Cradeley et ibi insultaverunt Willelmum clericum et Ricardum filium Thome Aleyn. et predicti habuerunt iniuriam.³

Misericordia iii dies. Thomas de Bruera in misericordia pro defalta. Plegius Willelmus Wymarke de Hulle. Tres dies in autumpno.

Condonatio. Thomas Burnet condonatur.

Misericordia xii d. Inquisitio facta per villatam de Rugeacre de bosco domini et de bosco aliorum dicit quod Willelmus le Feys amputavit ee asportavit et adduxit ad vendendum apud Stretyford. unde in misericordia. Plegii Thomas Haralt, Thomas de Rugeacre.

Lex. Willelmus le Feys vadiat legem quod nec amputavit

¹ Sub-letting, or rather taking sub-lets, without leave.

² "Ewe."

³ Walker, Skinner and a stranger came to the house of Roger of Cradeley and attacked William the clerk and Richard, son of Thomas Aleyn.

neque asportavit baculos et virgas extra boscum domini. Plegii Thomas Haralt, Thomas de Rugeacre.¹

Lex. Idem Willelmus vadiat legem quod non prostravit nec asportavit duos arbores extra terram Willelmi Alfret. Plegii illi de alia lege.

Finis xii d. Willelmus Thedrich dat domino xiid. pro ingressu unius particule terre et quod conventiones inter se et Philippum Wagestaf firmiter teneantur. Plegius Johannes de Wallokeshal. Et sciendum est quod illa particula terre extendit se ab egressu curie² sue directe usque ad spinetum³ Philippi Wagestaf.

Misericordia vi d. Henricus le Per in misericordia pro transgressione facta Galfrido le Per. Plegius tenementum et croppum.⁴

Johannes Trolli invenit plegios de recognitione⁵ sua solvenda. Plegii Petrus de Halen, Thomas Colling.

Johannes Simont tenetur domino in duobus solidis pro debito Thome de la Pole. Plegius Johannes Walter.

Agnes relicta G. le Seriant habet diem ad probandum quoddam debitum quod petit versus Willelmum Torkebi, die dominica proxima. Item de quadam selione similiter.

Dicunt tastatores ultra Stouram quod assisa bene custoditur.

Dicunt tastatores citra Stouram similiter.

Districtio. Henricus Garding invenit plegios prosequendi versus Johannem Oniot de quodam pacto fracto. Plegius Johannes del Brock.

Districtio. Henricus de Fulfen distringitur.

¹ W. le Feys—fined above for trespass in Lytewood—is fined again for cutting and carrying off wood to sell at Streytford. He pledged his law that he had not cut or taken staves and rods.

² See A 369, n. 1. Courtyard *or* curtilage.

³ Spinney.

⁴ A man's whole tenement and crop is a large pledge.

⁵ *Recognition*. What he had acknowledged to be due.

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134¹ CURIA de Hales die Mercurii proxima post festum sancti Michaelis Anno regni regis Edwardi xxvii°. [30 Sep. 1299.]

Essonie. Warrantizavit. Philippus de Wylinghurst de comuni per Thomam de Pircote.

Misericordia. Henricus de Honyngton per Ricardum filium eius. Non iacet quia alias essoniatus ad magnam curiam.¹

Warrantizavit. Nicholas Faber per Johannem filium eius.

Warrantizavit. Johannes de Werueley per Rogerum Alueret.

Willelmus filius Willelmi de Tewenhale per Willelmum filium eius.

Johanna de la Grene versus Willelmum de Tewenhale de placito transgressionis, unde Lex. per Ricardum filium eius.

Rogerus Fokerham versus Thomam de la Grene unde Lex. per Johannem de Clodeshale.

Misericordia. Villata de Rugacre dicunt de veredicto respectuato inter Rogerum Fokerham et Johannam de la Grene quod predicta Johanna et familia sua mesierunt erbam in bunda inter ipsos iniuste et plus occupavit quam facere debuit. Ideo consideratum est quod predicta Johanna in misericordia et Rogerus recuperet inde dampna etc.²

Misericordia. Johannes de la Hethe in misericordia pro defalta.

Thomas de Halen in misericordia pro transgressione facta versus uxorem Thome Fabri. Plegii Willelmus de Halen, Ricardus Grene.

¹ A "Great Court" seems to have been held twice a year, usually in May and October. The first time the title is used in the Hales Rolls is on 12 May 1293 (A. 97), but the thing is mentioned in the court of 22 Jan. 1280, and no doubt it had existed from time immemorial. Each township in the manor sent 2 representatives—for the list of them at this court see below—who made their presentments on oath of anything done amiss within their township, and the 12 jurors of the Great Court pronounced on them.

² The postponed verdict of Ridgeacre in the case between Roger Fokerham and Joan of the Green is that Joan and her family mowed the grass on the bound between them unjustly and took more than she ought.

Inquisitio. Nomina inquisitionis ad inquirendum supra articulis etc. Respice in tergo.

On a slip attached—

1st col.]

Johannes de Wyteleye, Philippus Beleiambe, Henricus de Aula, Willelmus de Ildintre, Robertus de Monte de Romesley, Ricardus de Lynacre, Johannes Walter, Henry le Fremon, Thomas Adames, Thomas de la Grene, Willelmus de Tewenhal (Johannes de la Hethe *struck out*), Willelmus Prutfot. **Nomina xii Juratorum.**

2nd col.]

Oldebury—Thomas Richard, Walterus Gefray.
 Wallokes hale—Johannes Rogers, Thomas de Longeley.
 Werueley—Willelmus Osbern, Hugo de Porta.
 Rugacre—Ricardus Cok, Ricardus Feys.
 Lappol—Johannes de Lappole, Willelmus en la More.
 Illeley—Johannes Nicoles, Willelmus de Melleyt.
 Honyngton—Willelmus de la Lawe, Thomas de Lynacre.
 Romesley—Henricus Tandy, Thomas Squier.
 Haselbury—Thomas Sewald, Johannes en la Hurne.
 Halen—Willelmus de Halen, Ricardus de Molendino.
 Hulle—Thomas de Hulle, Thomas de la Pirje.
 Cackemore—Willelmus Thedrich, Hugo de Mouwelawe.¹
End of slip.

Misericordia. Galfridus le Per in misericordia quia retraxit se de querela sua versus Henricum de Kemberesley. Plegii Johannes Knyth, Rogerus le Per.

Johannes Fille et Dyonisia uxor eius queruntur de Rogero de Hulle de eo quod ipse Rogerus die Lune in festo sancti Bartholomei Apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi xxvii^o ipsam Dyonisiam insultavit verberavit (*vulneravit crossed out*) ad dampnum ipsius Dyonisie dimidie marce, etc. et inde producit sectam, etc. Et Rogerus venit et dicit quod ipsam percussit pro verbis contumeliosis etc. **Misericordia.** Ideo consideratum est quod predictus Rogerus faciet eis emendas et domino miseri-

¹ See p. 111, note 1.

cordiam. Plegii Thomas Atte Pirie et Johannes de la Hethe.¹

Thomas de la Grene et Ricardus frater eius concordati sunt et Ricardus trahet curiam.² Plegius Thome Frater eius.

Dies amoris. Galfridus le Per optulit se versus Willelmum filium Ricardi Coci de placito debiti. Et ipse non venit. et habuit diem ad concordandum citra istam curiam. Ideo distringitur.

Misericordia. Johannes de Illeleye et Galfridus Osbern concordati sunt per licentiam et Johannes trahet curiam. Plegius Thomas Ricardi.

De veredicto respectuato de Alneta quam Johannes de Schirlet succedit unde omnes libere tenentes habent diem ad istam curiam ad pronunciandum veredictum etc. ad eorum instanciam. **Districtio.** Henricus de Honyngton, Philippus de Wylinghurst, Nicholaus Faber, Johannes de Werueley et Willelmus filius Willelmi de Tewenhale non venerunt. Ideo distringantur. **Respectus.** Et loquela respectuatur usque proximam curiam etc. ad certificandum etc.³

Misericordie. Villata de Rugacre presentat quod Johannes Cok et Margeria soror eius, Ricardus de Oueleye debent hic sectam et non veniunt. Ideo in misericordia.

Misericordie. Item presentat quod Matilda de Depsclou in

¹ J. Fille and Dyonisia his wife complain that Roger of Hill on 24 Aug. 1299 attacked Dyonisia and beat her and did her half a mark's damage, and thereon he brings forward his suit. Roger says that he struck her for insulting words. Roger is to make amends to them and pay a fine to the lord.

² Richard will have the court against him. See A. 253, n. 2.

³ At the court on 8 June John Schirlet was charged with cutting down an alder grove. He said it was his own (A 392). At the next court on 8 July an Inquest of the men of Hasbury and Hunnington said it was his own, and therefore he is quit (A. 396). The free tenants of the manor seem to have questioned this finding and asked for a day, which was given them (the court, or courts, in which this would appear is wanting). They should all have come to this present court of 30 Sep. to consider the postponed verdict. But several did not. So they were distrained and the case respited to the next court, when it was found that the land on which the alders grew was Shirlet's (p. 118).

misericordia quia depulsit Eliciam de Rugacre que levavit hutesium iuste, et Johannes vir eius in misericordia quia dedixit veredictum villate etc. Plegius Budellus.¹

Wallockeshale presentant quod Is² Balle, Philippus Knyth, Thomas le Archer, Simon le Archer non venerunt.

Werueley nichil presentant.

Lappole dicunt nichil.

Oldebury dicunt quod Willelmus la Leche, Willelmus Bonde, Fille Textrix, Willelmus Geffrey

Illeley dicunt quod Rogerus Carectarius

Honynghton dicunt quod Thomas Gregori, Willelmus Dolfin

Romesley dicunt quod Willelmus de Westleye, Margeria Tandy, Agnes Snou, Willelmus Piscator, Johannes de la Grene, Willelmus Orm, Petrus le Somener, Clemens Tandy, Cristiana Fox

Haselbury dicunt quod Ricardus Scley, Henricus Botte, Simon le Mouuer non venerunt.

Item presentant quod Willelmus Don percussit fratrem eius iniuste etc. Ideo in misericordia. Plegius Henricus Oniet.

Halen dicunt quod Petrus Ringer, Willelmus le Hayward non venerunt.

Hulle dicunt quod Johannes de Aula [non venit].

Item dicunt quod Dyonisia de Hulle levavit iniuste huthesium versus uxorem Rogeri de Hulle. Ideo in misericordia. Plegii Henricus de Hulle, Thomas de eadem.

Item presentant quod Rogerus de Hulle verberavit Dyonisiam [? filiam³] Fille ita quod sanguinem effudit ad iniuriam ipsius Rogeri. Ideo in misericordia. Plegius.

Thomas Colling, Nicholaus Chapeleyn, Nicholaus le Ironmonger in misericordia pro transgressione facta in blado domini. Plegii quilibet alterius.

Respice in tergo.

¹ Matilda knocked Elicia down. Elicia was justified in raising hue. Matilda's husband said the verdict was wrong.

² "Is" or "Js" with a contraction mark over.

³ A smudge here, with a tail of what may have been f., i.e., filiam.

*Slip 2]*¹

Johannes de Werueley fecit fidelitatem et recongnovit unam marcam per annum et sectam.

Willelmus filius Ricardi de Teuwenhal fecit fidelitatem et congnavit x s. i d. et sectam.

Johannes Walter fecit fidelitatem et recongnovit vii s. viii d. et sectam. (Plegii Willelmus de Tewenhale et Johannes de Werueley *crossed out*.)

Ricardus de Lynacre fecit fidelitatem et recongnovit vii s. et sectam.

Nicholaus Faber fecit fidelitatem et recongnovit i d. per annum et ii sectas.

Johannes de Wyteleye recongnovit unam libram piperis et xiii d. et sex d. ad Pitanciarium² et sectam.

Johannes Trolly capellanus recongnovit iii s. iii d. et sectam.

Willelmus de Teuwenhal junior recongnovit x s. xi d. et sectam. (Plegii Willelmus de Thewenhale senior et Willelmus de Yildintre *crossed out*.)

Philippus Beleiambe recognovit vi s. x d. et sectam.

Thomas Adam de Haselbury recognovit ii s. et sectam.

Johannes super brueram³ recongnovit ii s. ad Pitanciarium et sectam.

Henricus de Honinton recongnovit iii s. iii d. et sectam et sectam molendini.⁴

Philippus de Willchinhurst recognovit iii s. et sectam.

Petrus filius Roberti Suminur recognovit fidelitatem, herietum, x d. per annum et ii sectas per annum.

End of slip.

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Willelmus de Molendino et Rogerus le Per districti quia

¹ This slip contains a list of tenants who did fealty and acknowledged their rents and services.

² The Pitanciarium was in charge of the "extras" in food in the Abbey.

³ "Of the Heath."

⁴ He had to grind his corn at the lord's mill.

⁵ The back of this roll is badly worn and in places illegible. It has an endorsement in a later hand "Manerium de Hales A^o E 1. xxvii^o." In deciphering the worst parts I have thought it better to put all that there is a reasonable indication of, rather than to leave gaps because I was not certain.

contra xii Juratos placitaverunt. Plegii Johannes Walters, Johannes de Wallockshale.

Cackemor dicunt quod Walterus Robyns, Henricus Hert, Juliana de Cackemor, Alicia la Velawes, Willelmus Walreuen, Ricardus Page non venerunt. Ideo etc.

Misericordia. Nicholaus le Irmonger in misericordia quia cariauit blada sequestrata¹ Thome Colling.

Inquisitio. Jurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod villata de Oldebury concealavit quoddam jumentum quod fuit Willelmi Thedrich cum jurati fuissent verum dicere. **Misericordia.** Ideo in misericordia.

Misericordia. Item presentant quod Wallokeshal, Longeley, Werueley concealaverunt similiter cum Villata de Oldebury predictum jumentum. Ideo in misericordia.²

Louecok de la Hethe in misericordia quia cariauit blada sub defenso. Plegius Willelmus de la More. [? et preceptum est] ei quod adducat sex garbas ad grangriam.³

Nicholaus le Irmonger in misericordia quia messuit blada Willelmi Donn etc. Plegius Johannes de Wyteley.⁴

Juliana Aleyen dat domino sex denarios pro inquisitione habenda de dote sua et capi debet apud (curiam?).

Henricus atte Park dat domino duos

ii d. Thomas Tinctor in misericordia pro transgressione in blado domini. solvit ii d.

vi s. Ricardus de Puttwey dat domino sex solidos pro licentia maritandi Relictam Johannis Grape (?) Plegius Thomas de Hulle.

Misericordia. Willelmus atte Mulne in misericordia pro transgressione. Plegius Johannes Walters.

Misericordie. Tastatores dicunt Philippus atte Yate, Thomas

¹ Colling's corn had been sequestered for the payment of some due, most likely tithe, and Irmonger carried it.

² Oldbury had concealed Thedrich's mare, though they had sworn to tell the truth. And three more townships had done the same.

³ Another case of carrying corn when under ban. Louecok was ordered to bring 6 sheaves to the Abbot's grange, presumably the tithe and a penalty.

⁴ Irmonger mowed another man's corn.

de Lynacre, Willelmus atte Lowe bis, Philippus de Hon . . . , Thomas de Lutlehey, Johannes atte Wode, Thomas Ricard, Willelmus Geffrey, Henricus Robin, Walterus filius Willelmi de Tewenhale, Mabilia Fabra in misericordia quia contra assisam etc.

xii d. Walterus le Carter pro fine xii d.

Prepositus citra Stouram Thomas de Halen. Custodes assise Ricardus le Coupere et Ricardus le Orm.

Prepositus ultra Stouram Thomas de Lutlehay. Custos bosci Willelmus Osbern. Custodes assise Willelmus de Hethe, Willelmus Simon.

135 CURIA de manerio de Hales die Veneris proximo post festum Apostolorum Simonis et Jude anno regni regis Edwardi xxviii°. [30 Oct. 1299.]¹

Essonia. Johannes Thedrich de communi per Allanum filium Ricardi.

Misericordia. Willelmus de Thewenhale querens optulit se versus Johannam de la Grene in placito transgressionis, unde lex. Que non venit. et ideo consideratum est quod dictus Willelmus recuperet sua dampna versus predictam Johannam, et dicta Johanna in misericordia. Postea venit dicta Johanna et vadiat emendas et misericordiam. Plegii Johannes de Depslouh et Thomas o' the Grene.

Misericordia. Rogerus Fokeram querens optulit se versus Thomam de la Grene que facit defaltam. et ideo consideratum est quod dictus Rogerus recuperet sua dampna versus ipsum Thomam, et dictus Thomas in misericordia. Et dictus Thomas postea venit et vadiat dampna et misericordiam.

Districtio. Willelmus filius Ricardi Coci non dum districtus pro defalta versus Galfridum Le per, et ideo distringatur.

Finis xii d. Johannes Trolli dat domino duodecim denarios pro inquisitione habenda de quodam tenemento in villa de Hales iuxta tenementum Philippi Lyrgan. Plegius de fine Henricus Tinctor. Et inquisitio facta per omnes libere tenentes qui

¹ This is the first part of the Court numbered 135 by Amphlett.

venerunt et petierunt visum illius tenementi et diem de suo veredicto dicendo usque ad proximam curiam, et optinuerunt. **Attornatus.** Et dictus Johannes ponit loco suo Henricum Tynctorem.

Veredictum. Item iidem liberi dicunt per suum sacramentum quod illa terra in qua crevit alneta qua Johannes de Schirlet calumpniatus fuit est et fuit terra ipsius Johannis nisi alibi habuerit exambium inde. ideo etc.¹

Summonitio. Johannes Thedrich summoniatur ad respondendum de ospitatione Margerie Textricis.

Districtio. Philippus atte Lane end, qui invenit plegios venisse ad curiam istam pro emendis faciendis de dampno domini, non venit, et ideo distringatur.

Henricus Oniet in misericordia quia non habuit ipsam Johannam quam plegiavit.

[*For the continuation of this Court, see Amphlett, p. 379.*]

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140¹ CURIA de Hales tenta die Mercurii proxima post festum translationis sancti Thome martyris Anno regni regis Edwardi xxvii°. [13 July 1300.]

Essonie. Warrantizavit. Willelmus filius Ricardi de Tewenhale per Willelmum filium Willelmi.

Warrantizavit. Johannes Thedrig per Nicholaum Wagestaf.

Warrantizavit. Philippus de Wylinghurst per Willelmum filium Willelmi.

Johannes de Littleton versus Willelmum filium Willelmi et alios in querela sua de placito transgressionis, per Thomam de Lappole.

Misericordia vid. Johannes le Knyth in misericordia quia defecit de lege vadiata versus dominum. Ideo ipse et plegii sui de lege in misericordia. Plegii Willelmus de la Lowe, Thomas Richard.

¹ The conclusion of the case about the alders. See p. 113. *Exambium* for *escambium*, exchange.

Misericordia iiiid. Juliana de Schirlet in misericordia quia defecit de lege sua quam vadiavit versus Johannem de Schirlet. Ideo ipsa et plegii sui in misericordia scilicet Thomas de Notwyke et Willelmus de la Lowe. Et faciat eidem Johanni emendas, etc.

Dies in autumpno. Filia Willelmi de Wylinghurst, due filie Nicholai le Yonge, due filie Thome Colling et filia Dygan duos dies facient domino in autumpno quelibet earum unum diem ad frumentum. Plegii Johannes le Knyth et Johannes Atte Pole.¹

Henricus de Illeleye in misericordia quia advocavit tria onera mirpium captorum in prato domini. Ideo in misericordia. Plegii Johannes filius Johannis de Illeleye, Johannes le Knyth.²

Vacat quia non presentes. Rogerus Fokerham qui questus est de Willemo Marmyon de placito transgressionis. non fuerunt muniti essendi hic. Ideo muniatur idem Rogerus per plegium suum scilicet Willelmum de Chyselhurst. **Summonitio.** Et Willelmus Marmion summoneatur quod sit ad Curiam proximam.³

Misericordia id. Ricardus le Couper vadiat misericordiam domino pro contemptu quem dixit in curia versus ballivos. Plegii Thomas de Lynacre, Thomas de Notwyks.

De contentione et participatione terre inter Henricum le Hauekes et Johannem filium Willelmi le Fremon de terra predicta participanda, de consensu partium elegerunt Willelmum filium Willelmi de Tewenhale, Willelmum filium Ricardi, Willelmus Osbern, Johannes de Werueley, Henricum Phipekyn et Willelmus Marmyot, quod ipsi dividant et participant predictam

¹ These six girls are to do two days' works each for the lord in autumn, one day to be at the corn.

² *Mirpis* or *mirpus* is not a dictionary word. In court 141¹ (p. 123) in a string of fines for animals found trespassing in the lord's crops is *pro mirpis*. It is most likely a local name for some domestic animal at a particular stage. The meaning seems to be that Henry took on himself three responsibilities for "mirps" caught straying in the lord's meadow.

³ Fokerham complained of Marmyon in a plea of trespass. They were not warned to be here. Let F. be warned by his pledge, and Marmion summoned, to be at the next court. *Munio* for *moneo*. Fokerham could not be summoned by the lord's bailiff because he was outside his jurisdiction,

terram prout justum fuerit. Ita quod quilibet eorum sciat suam partem inperpetuum. pro Rato habendo quicquid ipsi in premissis fecerint. Plegii super hoc Johannes Rogers de Walokeshal, Henricus filius Philippi ex parte dicti Henrici. Johannes de Werueley, Hugo Atte Yate ex parte dicti Johannis. et datus est eis dies in die beate Marie Magdalene.¹

Presentatum est per villatam de Oldebury huthesium levatum in eundo de domo Philippi le Per inter Thomam de Wyneshurst et Thomam le Mouuer, qui non sunt de jurisdictione domini. **Attachiamentum.** Ideo distringantur si possint cum averiis vel aliis bonis suis in feodo domini.²

Inquisitio capta per villatas de Haselbury Hamstede et Honyngton de gestura Johannis le Knyth et Juliane de Shirlet. que quidem Juliana invenit plegium ad solvendum domino quadraginta solidos et amittendi tenementum suum in perpetuum si convicta fuerit quod ipsi simul essent in loco suspicionis si convincatur. qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod ipsi multociens sunt simul conversantes in loco inhibito et suspecto post inhibitionem eis factam per dominum. Ideo predicta Juliana castigetur per penam eis datam.³

Misericordie. Custodes assise presentant quod Thomas de Hulle (iiii.d.) braciavit contra assisam. Juliana de Hulle (iiii.d.), Cristiana Atte Nasse (iiii.d.), Willelmus de Juvenis (iiii.d.) bis, Willelmus Geffrey (iiii.d.), Thomas Geffrey (iiii.d.), Philippus

¹ A difference about division of land is submitted to arbitration and the parties pledge themselves to abide by the award. The scribe in the list of arbitrators suddenly changes the case, forgetting that he had put "chose" and not "were chosen." He also uses *partipatio* for *participatio*.

² "Hue" had been raised between Philip of Wynehurst and Thomas the Mower while going from the house of Philip le Per. They are not within the lord's jurisdiction. Therefore let them be distrained, if they can be, by any beasts or goods of theirs within his fee.

³ Inquest by the townships of Hasbury, Hampstead and Hunnington into the behaviour of John le Knyth and Juliana of Shirlet. Juliana had given pledges to pay the lord 40s. and lose her tenement if convicted that they had been in a place of suspicion together. The inquest said they had been, often, since the inhibition. Therefore let Juliana be corrected by the penalty given them. See A. 404.

Suaynes (iiii d.), Thomas Simon (iiii d.), Clementia de Monte (iiii d.). Ideo in misericordia.

141¹ CURIA de Manerio de Hales die Mercurii proximo post festum sancti Petri ad vincula anno regni regis Edwardi xxviii^o. [3 Aug. 1300.]

Essonie. i^o. Willelmus filius Willelmi de Thewenhale de communi per Willelmum filium suum.

i^o. Henricus de Honinton de communi per Ricardum filium Henrici.

i^o. Ricardus de Lynaker de communi per Willelmum filium Willelmi.

Respectus. Adhuc nihil invenitur per quod Thomas molenarius de Oldebury mulne possit distringi, et ideo respectuatur.

Misericordia. Presentatum est per villatam de Rugaker quod Thomas filius Johannis de Depslov traxit sanguinem de Margeria filia Willelmi Aluret. Et ideo Johannes pater ipsius Thome vadiat misericordiam pro suo manupasto.

Misericordia. Willelmus Dun vadiat misericordiam pro transgressione facta in Offemor in vigilia Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste proximo preterito.

Respectus. Inquisitio facta per Villatam de Rugaker de destruxione quam Johannes de Depslouh fecit in tenemento quod fuit Thome Sibily. qui dicunt per suum sacramentum quod bene sciunt quod dictus Johannes asportavit de meremio domorum, sed de quantitate ignorant. et ad inquirendum inde habent diem usque ad proximam curiam.¹

Amoris. Elicia de Rugaker queritur de Johanne de Depslov et Matilda uxore eius de placito transgressionis. et postmodo de consensu partium habent diem ad concordandum citra proximam Curiam sine essonia.

Plegii de proseguendo. Johannes le Knyst queritur de Juliana de Halen de eo quod iniuste detinuit unum croppum de una

¹ John of the Deepslough took timber from the buildings of the tenement which had been Thomas Sibily's (and was most likely unoccupied at the time). See p. 125.

acra terre quam cepit de Johanne filio ipsius Juliane. Plegii de prosequendo Thomas Henris et Nicholaus Chapelain. Et predicta Juliana venit et concessit eidem Johanni probationem sui termini secundum quod Curia considerabit. Et Curia considerat quod dictus Johannes probet suum terminum [per] viros videntes et audientes conventionem. Et dictus Johannes fatetur quod nullos testes inde habet. Et ideo per Judicium dictus Johannes est in misericordia pro sua falsa querela. Plegii qui prius.¹

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*In another hand at top:—*Participatio terre et tenementi nuper Henrici Haukes et Johannis Fremon. *This refers to the entry within the roll. See p. 119.*

Thomas Gachard vadiat misericordiam quia non solvit redditum suum de termino Annunciationis beate Marie.

Juliana de Halen in misericordia pro eodem.

Johannes le Straunge in misericordia pro eodem.

Radulfus Gregori pro terra le Archer in misericordia pro eodem.²

Alicia de Honinton pro duobus terminis pro eodem.

Henricus de la Grene de Romesleye pro eodem.

Willelmus de Westleye pro eodem.

Thomas Faber de Romesleye.

Henricus Oniet pro eodem.

Misericordia. Johannes Fugator caruce magistri Ricardi de Hales vadiat misericordiam pro uno bletone querci quem prostravit in le Hay. Plegii Thomas Roberti de Haselbury et Johannes in la Hurne.³

Districtio. Philippus Lygan et Johannes Chep distringantur pro sua familia de consimili transgressione.

¹ John Knyst had taken an acre for a term of years from John, son of Juliana of Hawn, and complained that Juliana had done him out of one crop. He gave pledges to prosecute the case. Juliana granted that he should prove his term as the court shall think fit. And the court considered that he should prove it by the men that saw and heard the agreement. John confesses that he has no witnesses, and so is in mercy for a false complaint.

² Archer's land. The name of a former owner often persists.

³ John, the driver of Master Richard de Hales' cart, pledges his fine for a young oak which he cut down in le Hay.

Misericordia. Nicholaus Chapelayn vadiat misericordiam pro transgressione famuli sui de vessis¹ domini. Plegii Johannes de Hulle et Willelmus le Sclattere.

Misericordia. Johannes de Hulle vadiat misericordiam pro averiis suis inparcatis de haya domini. Plegius Bedellus.

Misericordia. Ricardus de Hulle pro porcis suis inparcatis de blado domini. Plegius Bedellus.

Misericordia. Margeria Walters pro mirpis². Plegius Nicholaus Chapelayn.

Johannes O'the Het pro quatuor porcis in fabis et una vacca et uno boviculo in pastura domini.

Agnes Emes pro uno affro ligato in pastura domini.³

Johannes Tixtor pro tribus boviculis in herbagio domini et pro tribus averiis.

Willelmus le Fischere pro tribus boviculis in pastura.

Willelmus le Yonge pro quatuor averiis in avenis domini.

Philippus le King pro tribus averiis in avenis domini.

Willelmus Ate Hethe pro vi averiis inparcatis de prato domini.

Thomas Henrici pro duobus affris in bosco domini.

Misericordie. Custodes assise presentant quod Johannes de Lappole, Cristina Atenassche, Willelmus le Yonge, Matilda Fabi, Thomas Richard, Thomas de Lutlehay, Johannes Rotarius de Oldebury, Clementia de Monte, Willelmus ate Lowe, braci-averunt et vendiderunt contra assisam.

Summonitio. Henricus de Thewenhale qui invenit unum capicium uxoris Willelmi Ate Birches et illud non sibi deliberavit antequam sibi solvisset unum denarium summoniatur.⁴

Ricardus le Couper pro porcis in fabis domini.

Rogerus de Volatu queritur de Willelmo Pictori et Agneta uxore eius de iniusta detentione unius vacce cum suo exitu per

¹ Vetches.

² See p. 119.

³ Agnes had tethered a beast in the lord's pasture. Affrus is said to mean either a horse or an ox (Martin).

⁴ Henry is summoned because he found a woman's hood and would not give it her till she had paid a penny. It cost him a 2s. fine (p. 130).

decem annos elapsos, et de duodecim libris lane pretii sex solidorum, et quatuordecim denariis argenti de mutuo, et de uno urceolo argurii pretii duorum solidorum et quatuor denariorum. et ideo summoniantur ad respondendum predicto Rogero. Et dictus Rogerus ponit loco suo Johannem de Lutlintun atornatum suum in tota predicta loquela.¹

Memorandum quod Ricardus de Tadenhurst detinuit Galfrido de Hyleley tertiam partem duorum cropporum de tribus selionibus terre quos habuisse debuit de assignatione Rogeri fratris sui, et ideo dictus Ricardus inde arationetur.²

Frater Robertus de Bremesgrove queritur de Johanne de Lappole de placito transgressionis et quia tangit dominum dictus Johannes inde arationetur.²

Nicolaus Waggestaf queritur de Johanne Tixtori de Oldebury de placito invencionis (?).³ Et ideo dictus Johannes summoniatur ad respondendum Nicolo.

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141² Anno Regni Regis Edwardi xxviii^o finiente et incipiente xxix^o.

Magna Curia de manerio de Hales die Mercurii proximo post festum sancti Michaelis anno regni regis Edwardi xxviii^o. [5 Oct. 1300.]

Finis xxii d. Juliana filia Ricardi de Hylileye dat domino viginti et duos denarios pro licentia maritandi, solvit incontinente, et ideo plegios non invenit.⁴

Misericordia iiii d. Cristina Adam de Hylileye que invenit plegios de prehendendo Robertum filium suum et Henricum famulum suum ad istam curiam, venit sed non produxit illos. et ideo

¹ Roger of the Falconry complains that William the Painter and Agnes his wife are withholding from him a cow and her calves for 10 years past, 12 lbs. of wool worth 6s., a loan of 14d., and a silver jug worth 2s. 4d. See p. 126.

² *Arationare*. To call to account, "cite" or "summon."

³ Finding of something lost.

⁴ She paid on the spot, and therefore did not find pledges.

vadiat misericordiam. Plegii Philippus de Honyngton, Ricardus le Brut.¹

Misericordia viii d. Thomas Amis de Hylleye querens, per licentiam concordatus est cum Cristina de Hilleye, Roberto filio suo et Henrico famulo suo. Et dicta Cristina trahit curiam pro omnibus.¹

Districtio. Robertus filius Cristine de Hylleye distringatur pro defalta quam facit contra Thomam Amys cum quo concordatus est extra Curia, et ad respondendum domino de eo quod dixit se esse altioris conditionis quam dictus Thomas Amys.¹

Essonie. Henricus le Fremon de communi per Henricum Bedellum.

Willelmus Walrauen per Henricum Bedellum.

Willelmus Pictator de eodem per Nicholaum filium Roberti Coci.

Districtio. Henricus Molendinarius de Oldebury non dum districtus. Ideo distringatur etc. quia forincecus.²

Philippus Lirgan et Johannes Chep distringantur ad respondendum domino pro filiabus et ancillis suis de transgressione facta in la Hay.

Misericordia iiid. Ricardus le Couper in misericordia pro transgressione facta in fabis domini. Plegii Thomas de Notwyke et Johannes de Schirlet.

Misericordia iiid. Johannes de Depslow qui deterioravit domum que fuit Thome Sybely ad valenciam duorum solidorum. Ideo in misericordia. Plegii Ricardus le Feys et Thomas Sygrim tam de misericordia quam de duobus solidis.³

Misericordia iid. Johannes de Wyteleye in misericordia

¹ Cristina, who had found pledges about bringing her son and servant to that court, came herself, but did not bring them. Thomas Amis, the plaintiff, comes to an agreement with them by leave. And Cristina deals with the court for all. Robert, her son, is distrained for default, and to answer to the lord for saying that he was of higher rank than Thomas Amys. For *trahere curiam* see A. 253. The party who loses is said to do it.

² "Because he is outside (the manor)" is no doubt the reason why he had not yet been distrained.

³ See p. 121.

quia deliberavit Nicholao le Chapeleyn garbas que celerarius posuit in defenso. Plegii Henricus Oniet et Thomas Robert.¹

Districtio. Rogerus de la voleye per Johannem de Luttleton attornatum suum optulit se versus Willelmum Pictatorem et Agnetem uxorem eius de placito debiti et ipsi non venerunt. et summonitus erat etc. Ideo distringatur quod sit ad proximam curiam.²

Misericordia vi d. Rugacre. Presentatum est huthesium levatum inter Julianam uxorem Willelmi le Fremon et Willelmum Cocum ad iniuriam ipsius Juliane. Et quia ipsa abstulit inparcamentum suis³ ipsius Willelmi. Ideo in misericordia. Item presentatum.⁴

Haselbury. Presentatum est huthesium levatum inter Henricum Oniet et Johannem Turgis ad iniuriam ipsius Henrici. **Misericordia iii d.** Plegii Thomas Robert et Johannes en la Hurne.

Hamsted. Presentatum est huthesium levatum inter Thomas de Notwykes et Julianam de Shirlet ad iniuriam ipsius Thome. **Misericordia iii d.** Ideo in misericordia. Plegii Thomas de Lynacre, Thomas Huet.

Romesley. Presentatum est huthesium levatum inter Aldutham Wodecok et Ricardum de Stapelhull ad iniuriam utriusque. **Misericordia iii d. & iii d.** Ideo in misericordia. Plegii Ricardi Robertus Dode et Willelmus atte Lyche. Plegii Alduthe Thomas de Kelemestowe et Willelmus atte Lych.

Respectus. Actio domini versus Johannem de Lappole per fratrem Robertum ponitur in respectu usque ad proximam Curiam prece H. Tinctoris.

Dies datus. Concessus est dies Johanni de Depslou et Elie de Rugacre in placito transgressionis usque ad proximam Curiam prece partium, sine Essonia etc.

Querela. Willelmus Osbern queritur de Willelmo Marmion

¹ Another case of sheaves being taken before they had been tithed.

² See p. 124. The verbs at the end should be plural.

³ She took what Cook was going to give for the release of his pig from the pound. For this meaning of *imparcamentum* see p. 128, line 1.

⁴ *Item &c.* is only a false start of the next entry.

de placito transgressionis. Plegius de proseguendo Johannes le Fremon.

Misericordia viii d. Willelmus de la Lyche vadiat misericordiam quia retinuit porcos contra preceptum domini. Plegii Robertus Bode, Willelmus Atte Pirie.

Misericordia iiii d. Willelmus Marmion in misericordia quia abduxit pisas et fructus iiii sellionum terre iniuste de terra Willelmi Osbern contra defensionem domini. Plegii Johannes de Wlstereshurst et Budellus. Et faciet emendas eidem Willelmo sub eodem plegio.¹

Querela. Idem Willelmus Marmion queritur de eodem Willelmo Osbern de iniusta detencione predictorum sellionum. Plegii de proseguendo superius nominantur.¹

Inquisitio Magna. Inquisitio capta ad inquirendum supra Articulis et per Johannem de Werueleye Henricum de Honyngton, Willelmum filium Ricardi de Tewenhale, Willelmum filium Willelmi de eadem, Robertum de Monte de Romesley, Willelmum de Iyldintre, Johannem Walters, Johannem Thedrich, Thomam Adames de Haselbury, Thomam Hanrys, Johannem de Wyteleye et Philippum de Porta, Juratos, qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Thomas Snou obstruxit viam contra portam suam et appropriavit terram domini de comitatu Salopie in comitatum Staffordie claudendo quamdam placeam iuxta sichetum de Clent. **Districtio.** Ideo distringatur ad respondendum domino etc.²

Item dicunt quod Willelmus Orm capit in bosco domini buscam ad arandum contra voluntatem domini.

Henricus Tandy pro eadem.

Misericordia xii d. Item dicunt quod Thomas de Lynacre et familia eius ceperunt avenas in garbis circiter xvi de avena

¹ Marmion is fined for taking peas and fruits from Osbern's land, and for doing it contrary to the lord's ban. His reply to Osbern is to claim possession of the land. This plea he afterwards withdrew. See p. 134.

² Thomas Snou blocked the way opposite his door and appropriated land from the county of Salop into the county of Stafford by enclosing a plot near the ditch (or brook) of Clent.

domini ad reddendum inde domino valorem inparcamenti averiorum ipsius Thome inparcatorum pro avenis domini.¹

Misericordia vid. *Nihilominus distringatur.* Item dicunt quod Douce de Notwyke (vi d.) capit aliquas garbas et aucas. Ideo etc.

vid. Item dicunt Willelmus de Tewenhale (vi d.) hospitat duas mulieres in domo sua apud Oldebury que capiunt garbas et alia de familia domini et maxime de carectario de Blakenleye. Ideo summoniantur et plegios inveniant.²

Misericordia xii d. Item dicunt quod Willelmus filius Willelmi de Terhull capit de garbis domini et Thome Simon et auget tassum proprium iniuste.³

Misericordia vid. Item filius Johannis le Straunge solitus est frangere cepes domini et vicinorum et claustram⁴ comburere in domo patris sui.

Misericordia vi d. Item Johannes pater eius consuetus est capere claustram⁴ in bosco domini et vicinorum.

Misericordia xii d. Item dicunt quod via super stangnum de Oldebury deteriorata est per defectum Willelmi Molendinarii vel domini.

Item dicunt quod Thomas filius Johannis de Oldebury cepit piscem in stangno de Briddesmilne oculte qui venit ad hayas de quibus dominus nichil inde habuit.⁵

¹ Thomas and his family took about 16 sheaves from the lord's oats to pay for his beasts, which had been impounded for trespass in the lord's oats.

² W. de Tewenhale lodges at his house at Oldbury two women who take sheaves and other things from the lord's servants and especially from the carter of Blakenleye.

³ W. of Terhul takes sheaves of the lord and of T. Simon and increases his own heap unjustly.

⁴ *Claustra.* Either the ties used when a hedge is laid, or hurdling for closing the gaps. More likely the latter.

⁵ Briddesmilne (see A. 444, 445) evidently in Oldbury and, from description, below St. John's Bridge. The likeliest place for a bridge is where the road from Birmingham to Dudley crosses the stream. About a quarter of a mile lower down the stream becomes the boundary of the manor and county, and if the mill were here, the lord would not have any right in the hedges on the further bank, and Thomas would be hidden while he came and took his fish.

Misericordia vid. Item dicunt quod quedam via ita est deteriorata apud Rugacre per defectum Thome de La Grene ita quod nocua¹ est transeuntibus. Ideo etc.

Misericordie. Custodes assise dicunt quod Matilda Fabra (iii d.) ter contra assisam. Cristiana de La Nasshe (iii d.) semel. Willelmus Yonge (ii d.). Willelmus Geffrey (vi d.) bis. Thomas Ricard (iiii d.) i. Henricus Simon (iiii d.). Willelmus Simon (iiii d.). Johannes Rotarius (vi d.) bis. Thomas de Lynacre (vi d.) quia non ostendit tasters servisiā et quia contra assisam. Plegius Johannes de Shirlet.

Misericordia iii d. Item Jurati dicunt quod quedam via est deteriorata nimis apud Rugacre per defectum Johannis de Depslou quod nocua est transeuntibus. Ideo etc.

Belawe. Item dicunt quod quedam via obstructa est apud Rugacre in comitatu Wygornie que debet emendi per Belawe.²

Inquisitio xii d. Willelmus Marmion dat domino xii denarios pro inquisitione habenda de jure uxoris sue duorum sellionum terre in Werueley. Ideo fiat inquisitio ad proximam Curiam.

Districtio. Henricus de Tewenhale summonitus fuit essendi hic ad respondendum domino de inventione cuiusdam capicii etc. Non venit. Ideo distringitur etc.³

Citra Stouram. Ricardus le Coupere electus est ad officium prepositure et Thomas Robert et Willelmus de Melleye ad custodiam assise.

Ultra Stouram. Ricardus le Feys prepositus ultra Stouram. Tastatores Ricardus Edrich et Thomas Brid.

¹ *Nocua* for *nocua*, "dangerous."

² *Belawe*. This word occurs in various spellings. See A. 419, 423, 431, 432, 466.

Hunter (Hallamshire Glossary, under "Byerlaw") says: "It is well known in Scotland as the name of a court composed of countrymen inhabiting particular districts The business of these courts seems to have been the regulation of matters of common-right and the like." He refers to Whittaker's *Whalley*, p. 355, and Blount's *Law Dict.* In Hallamshire it survives as the designation of the townships of Ecclesall and Brightside. Their courts are long ago extinct. "A minor local court" makes sense wherever the word occurs in these rolls.

³ See p. 123.

Forestarius. Custod' Bosci de Lute Wode Henricus filius Philippi Coci.

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141³ CURIA de Hales tenta die Mercurii proxima ante festum Apostolorum Simonis et Jude Anno Regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo Octavo. [26 Oct. 1300.]

Essonie. Philippus Beleiambe de communi per Henricum Ballivum.

Warrantizavit. Willelmus filius Ricardi de Tewenhale per eundem.

ii s. Henricus de Tewenhale dat domino duos solidos pro transgressione inventionis cuiusdam capucii, etc.²

Misericordia. Robertus filius Cristiane de Illeley in misericordia pro defalta. Plegii Willelmus de Melley et mater eius.

Districtio. Willelmus Pictator et Agnes uxor eius districti fuerunt per unum jumentum ad veniendum hic ad respondendum Rogero de Volatu in placito debiti. non venerunt. Ideo distringantur melius, etc. et quod sint ad proximam curiam.

Misericordia. Robertus filius Cristiane de Illeley in misericordia quia vocavit vicinos suos nativos.³ Plegii Henricus de Honyngton et Johannes de Werueleye.

Misericordia. Willelmus de Melleye in misericordia quia retraxit se de querela sua versus Cristiana de Illeye. Plegii Philippus de Illeleye et Ricardus le Brut.

Misericordia. Henricus Adames de Illeleye vadiat misericordiam tam pro defalta quam pro transgressione. Plegii Philippus de Illeley et Ricardus Brut.

Misericordia. Thomas de Lynacre et Alicia de Prrcote concordati sunt per licentiam. Et Thomas trahet Curiam. Plegius Bedellus.

¹ The total of the fines at this court.

² See p. 123.

³ See p. 125, note 1. He called his neighbours "bondmen."

Respectus. Dies datus est Fratri Roberto et Johanni de Lappole in placito transgressionis usque ad proximam Curiam, sine essonia.

Misericordia. Presentatum est huthesium levatum inter Willelmum Donn et Thomam fratrem eius ad iniuriam ipsius Willelmi. Ideo in misericordia.

Misericordia. Willelmus filius Osbern vadiat Willelmo Marmion omnes pisas quas cepit iniuste de duobus sellionibus in campo de Werueley et domino misericordiam. Plegii Johannes Piscator et Hugo de Porta.¹

Respectus. Dies datus est Willelmo Marmion et Willelmo Osbern de placito transgressionis usque ad proximam Curiam sine essonia.

Misericordia. Rogerus Smart et Louecoke de la Hethe concordatim sunt per licentiam, et Louecoke trahet Curiam. Plegii Willelmus Steynulf et Willelmus de la Hay.

Misericordia. Idem Louecoke vadiat misericordiam pro defamatione Celerarii. Plegio supradicto.

Districtio. Condonatur per dominum. Willelmus Molendinarius de Oldebury distringatur quod sit ad proximam Curiam ad ad plegios inveniendum de reparatione stangni molendini de Oldebury per defectum ipsius nocui.²

Districtio. Adhuc preceptum est distringere Willelmum Orm, Henricum Tandy, duas mulieres manentes in domo Willelmi de Tewenhale, Thomam filium Johannis de Oldebury et Douce de Notwyke quia nondum districti ad respondendum domino de diversis transgressionibus.

Misericordia. Johannes Thedrich in misericordia quia vocavit xii Juratos ad warrantum de assisa per eosdem facta ubi defecit de warranto. Plegii Thomas de Lutlehay, Thomas Richard.³

¹ See p. 127.

² *Stangni* for *stagni*, pool. It was dangerous through William's neglect. But he was forgiven by the lord, possibly because the suggestion that the lord was responsible had something in it. See p. 128.

³ J. Thedrich is fined because he called the 12 jurors to warrant about the award made by them when he failed in his warrant. The roll of the court which might explain this is missing.

Misericordia. Idem Johannes in misericordia quia vetuit domino vendere ei servisiam per assisam. Plegii supradicti.

Misericordia. Idem Johannes in misericordia pro transgressionem facta in pastura domini cum duobus averiis. Plegii supradicti.

Misericordia. Idem Johannes in misericordia pro transgressionem facta cum averiis suis duobus in pastura domini. Plegii supradicti.

Misericordia. Thomas Richard in misericordia pro eadem cum xv averiis. Plegius quilibet alterius.

Misericordia. Walterus Geffrey (vii averia) et Thomas filius eius, Johannes le Straunge (xv). Galfridus le Per (vi), Plegius quilibet alterius et bedellus.

Misericordia. Louecok de la Hethe in misericordia quia retinuit unum jumentum quod debuit domino liberari. Plegii Rogerus Smart et Johannes de Lappole.

Misericordia. Juliana Steynulff in misericordia pro transgressionem facta in pastura domini. Plegius Bedellus.

Werueley. Henricus filius Philippi, Johannes filius Willelmi le Fremon, Philippus Gerard et Johannes de Wlsterhurst faciunt defaltam.

Districtio. Misericordia. Halen presentant quod Cristiana de la Mersh et quedam mulier extranea sunt consueta est frangere sepes vicinorum. Et Thomas de Halen facit defaltam. Item dicunt quod Isabella la Crone est deflorata. Ideo distringatur ad faciendum finem.

Walokeshale dicunt quod Thomas le Kyngh, Rogerus Burnet, Lecia Joye, Agnes Nicoles.

Districtio. Lappole dicunt quod Johannes en la Heme comburit sepes vicinorum. Ideo distringatur.

Districtio. Oldebury dicit quod Agnes la Leche junior comburit sepes.

Willelmus Bonde, Johannes Bonde, Walterus Bonde, Leticia filia Radulfi districti sunt.

Cackemor dicit quod Alicia la Velaus facit defaltam.

Haselbury dicit quod Willelmus Donnt facit defaltam.

quod Agnes Donnes et familia eius et uxor Willelmi Donn comburunt sepes etc.

Hulle dicit Johannes Fille facit defaltam. Thomas Atte Putte, Johannes o'the Hethe, Juliana de Hulle, facit defaltam.

Tastatores dicunt quod Willelmus Pictator contra assisam. Thomas Huet, Willelmus filius Willelmi de Tewenhal, Matilda Fabra, Rogerus Burnet, Willelmus Junioris, Philippus Beleiambe, Johannes Thedrich, Willelmus Geffrey, Cristiana de Nasshe.

Districtio. Nicholaus le Irmongere distringitur ad reddendum Thome clerico quinque solidos argenti pro dampnis suis que deremit in curia ista versus ipsum Nicholaum tempore preterito.¹

Summonitio. Johannes Knyth summoniatur ad respondendum domino quare acusat ballivum quod ipse plus recepit et levat quam levare debet.

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141⁴ CURIA de Hales tenta die Lune proxima post festum sancti Edmundi Regis et Martiri Anno regni regis Edwardi xxix°. [21 Nov. 1300.]

Essonie. Johannes Tedrich de communi per Henricum Bedellum.

Willelmus filius Willelmi de Tewenhale per eundem Henricum.

Ricardus de Lynacre per eundem Henricum.

Johannes de Wyteley per Thomam clericum. (*This is partly struck out and "Post venit" is written above.*)

Johannes de Baresfen versus J. Abbatem de Hales de plegio transgressionis per Ricardum Ordich.

Misericordia. Rogerus de Volatu querens et Willelmus Pictor et Agnes uxor eius concordati sunt per licentiam, et Willelmus trahit curiam et pardonatur per preceptum domini.

¹ Nicholas the Ironmonger is distrained to pay Thomas the Clerk 5s. for his damages which he obtained in that court against Nicholas in time past. "Ista curia" generally means "this present court." The word "deremit" is quite clear, but is unknown to me.

Dies datus. Dies datus est Fratri Roberto querenti et Johanni de Lappole in placito transgressionis usque ad proximam curiam sine essonia, quia ignoratur utrum concordati sint necne.¹

Districtio. Philippus Beleiambe qui ultimo fuit essoniatus non venit. Ideo distringatur pro defalta.

Philippus de Porta qui debuit hic sectam isto die non venit. Ideo distringatur pro defalta.

xii d. Villata de Oldebury in misericordia pro defalta.

vi d. Wallokes hale, preter Johannem Burri, in misericordia pro eadem.

iiii d. Villata de Cackemor in misericordia pro eadem.

Rugacre dicit quod Thomas Sygrim (1 d.), Thomas Brid (1 d.), faciunt defaltam.

Haselbury dicit quod Henricus Louecoke (1 d.), Johannes en la Hurne (1 d.), Hugo Wylies (1 d.), Willelmus Donn (1 d.), Henricus Oniet (1 d.) faciunt defaltam.

vi d. Lappole dicit quod Louecoke (1 d.), Rogerus Smart (1 d.), Simon en la Holies (1 d.).

Tota villata de Hulle in misericordia pro defalta.

iiii d. Villate de Hamsted et Honyngton preter Johannem de Schirlet et Ricardum le Coupere faciunt defaltam.²

vi d. Halen in misericordia pro defalta preter Thomam Colling.

Dies datus fuit Willelmo Marmion querenti et Willelmo Osbern in placito transgressionis prece partium sine essonia usque ad istam Curiam. Et predictus Willelmus Osbern optulit se versus eum in predicto placito. Et ipse non venit. Ideo predictus Willelmus Osbern inde sine die. **Misericordia** iii d. Et predictus Willelmus Marmion in misericordia.

Misericordia districtio. Henricus Bedellus in misericordia quia non habuit Willelmum Orm quem plegiavit. Et predictus Willelmus distringitur quod sit ad proximam Curiam. Postea vadiat emendas. Plegius Henricus Tandy.

¹ The case is put off to the next court because it is not known whether the parties have come to an agreement or not.

² Hamsted and Hunnington seem to have made a joint presentation.

Misericordia vid. Henricus Tandy in misericordia pro defalta et iterum pro transgressione facta in bosco domini. Plegii Ricardus le Coupere et Thomas Huet.

Misericordia vid. Presentatum est huthesium est levatum per villatam de Oldebury inter Johannem Cocum et Johannem Gachard, ad iniuriam ipsius Johannis Coci.

Misericordia xii d.¹ Item presentant huthesium levatum et sanguinem effusum inter Ranulfum filium Johannis Walters et Johannem de Baresfen et Robertum le Noreys ad iniuriam ipsorum Ranulfi et Johannis. Ideo in misericordia.

Ranulfus Walters vadiat misericordiam pro sanguine effuso apud Oldebury. Plegii Johannes Walters et Johannes le Knyth.

Misericordia. Thomas filius Johannis de Oldebury districtus est per unam juvencam veniendi hic. non venit. Ideo distringitur quod sit ad proximam curiam.

Misericordai ii d. Felicia filia Johannis Walters in misericordia quia recepit garbas domini et alia. Plegius Johannes Walters.²

Misericordia ii d. Agnes filia Philippi de Hulle in misericordia pro eadem. Plegii Thomas Richard et Thomas Simon.

Respectus. Dominus queritur de Ranulpho filio Johannis Walters de eo quod idem Ranulphus die dominica proxima post festum Omnium [Sanctorum] anno regni regis Edwardi xxviii^o in Robertum le Norreys manupastum suum in domo predicti Johannis Walters apud Oldebury vi et armis insultum fecit et ipsum verberavit et [male] tractavit et alia enormia etc. ad dampnum et retardationem operis et servicii sui xx s. et in despectum ipsius xl s. Et inde . . .

Et predictus Ranulphus venit et defendit de verbo ad verbum etc. et paratus est se acquietare per legem etc. Et dictum est ei [ex parte] domini quod non est de tali conditione quod posset contra dominum se acquietare etc. Et predictus Ranulphus dicit quod ipse est liber homo et libere conditionis et petit quod posset proferre warrantum suum ad proximam Curiam. et recipitur.

² This is marked as applying to the next entry also.

³ Felicia received the lord's sheaves and others.

Plegii Johannes filius Walteri et Johannes de Werueley. et sic respectuatur actio.¹

Misericordia i d. Johannes filius Willelmi le Fremon in misericordia pro defalta. Plegius Johannes de Werueley.

Misericordia Condonatur. Philippus Gerard in misericordia pro eadem. Plegius Johannes filius Willelmi le Fremon.

Districtio. Cristiana de la Mersh non dum districta pro fraxione sepium. Ideo distringitur.

Misericordia ii d. Thomas de Halen in misericordia pro eadem. Plegius Willelmus de Halen.

Misericordia ii d. Johannes de Wlstereshurst in misericordia pro eadem. Plegius Rogerus le Per.

Misericordia. Thomas le Kynke (i d.) in misericordia pro defalta. Rogerus Burnet (i d.) pro eadem. Plegius quilibet alterius.

Misericordia. Lecia Joye (i d.) in misericordia pro defalta. Agnes Nicholes (i d.) pro eadem. Plegius Bedellus.

Misericordia ii d. Johannes de la Hem in misericordia pro transgressione facta in sepibus domini et vicinorum. Plegius Louecok frater eius.

Misericordia ii d. Willelmus la Leche in misericordia pro transgressione facta in sapibus vicinorum. Plegius Thomas de Lutlehay.

Misericordia ii d. Willelmus Bonde in misericordia pro transgressione facta in sepibus vicinorum. Plegii Thomas de Lytlehay et Willelmus Faber.

Districtio. Johannes Bonde et Walterus Bonde et Lecia filia Radulfi nondum districti. Ideo distringantur etc.

¹ Ranulph, son of John Walters, on the Sunday after All Saints in his father's house at Oldbury attacked Norreys, a servant of the lord, and beat and ill-used him, causing the lord 20s. damage by the loss of Norrey's work and services, and doing despite to the lord to the extent of 40s. Ranulph denied the charge and said he was ready to acquit himself by law. To this it was objected on behalf of the lord that he is not of such condition that he can acquit himself against the lord. He replies that he is a free man, and asks to prove it at the next court, which is granted, and the action is respited. See p. 138. Torn and nibbled in places.

Misericordia i d. Alicia la Velawes in misericordia pro defalta. Plegius Willelmus Thedrich.

Misericordia i d. Willelmus Donn in misericordia pro transgressionem facta. Plegius Bedellus.

Misericordia i d. Johannes Fille (i d.) in misericordia pro defalta. Thomas en la Putte (ii d.) in misericordia pro eadem. Plegius quilibet plegius alterius. Johannes o'the Hethe pro eadem.

Misericordia ii d. Juliana de Hulle in misericordia pro defalta. Plegius Willelmus Thedrich.

Misericordia vi d. Henricus Robynes in misericordia quia non liberavit avenam Avicie de Dunesley sicut preceptum fuit etc.

Misericordia . . . d. Agnes Dones in misericordia quia dixit quod Thomas Clericus aliter inrotulavit in Curia quam inrotulavit in curia. Ideo in misericordia. Et vadiat emendas ad Thomam que taxantur per Curiam ad xii denarios et domino misericordiam. Plegii Henricus Oniet Henricus Louecoke.¹

Misericordia iii d. Thomas de la Pyrie in misericordia quia retinuit vada Johannis de la Hethe iniuste. Ideo in misericordia, et faciendum est eidem Johanni et domino misericordiam. Plegius Rogerus de Hulle.²

Misericordia iii d. Presentatum est huthesium levatum et sanguinem effusum inter Johannem de la Hethe et Johannem de Mouwelawe et Agnes [uxorem]³ eius ad iniuriam ipsius Johannis. Ideo in misericordia.

Misericordia ii d. Item dicunt quod huthesium levatum fuit inter predictum Johannem et Willelmum de Mowelawe ad iniuriam ipsius Willelmi. Ideo . . .³

Misericordia xii d. Johannes Walters in misericordia pro transgressionem facta in solo domini apud Dunnesley. Plegii Thomas de Luttlehay et Willelmus de T . . .³

¹ Agnes Dones said that Thomas the clerk had inrolled in the court differently from what he had. The court taxed the damages to the clerk at 12d. and there was a fine to the lord.

² Thomas kept something pledged for a debt after he had been repaid.

³ Torn off.

Misericordia *iiii*d. *vid.* **T. Port.** Presentatum est huthe-sium levatum inter Thomam de la Porte et Thomam filium eius et Cristianam uxorem ipsius T[home et]¹ Thomam le Archer ad iniuriam utriusque partis. Ideo in misericordia.

Johannes Walters acupatus est per dominum quod ipse Johannes et manupastus eius notus et ignotus die dominica proxima post festum [omnium] Sanctorum anno regni regis Edwardi *xxviii*º quemdam Robertum le Noreys servientem et manupastum eius insultum fecerunt et ipsum verberaverunt et male tractaverunt etc ad dampnum et retardationem servicii sui *xxs.* et contemptum *xls.* Et inde producit sectam. Et predictus Johannes venit et defendit dampnum et contemptum domini *xx* et *xls.* qu' etc. Set non defendit pro se et manupastis suis. Ideo consideratum est per totam curiam quod dominus recuperet dampna sua prout iustum fuerit. **Misericordia.** Et dictus Johannes in misericordia. [Plegii] Thomas de Lutlehay et Willelmus de Tewenhale.²

Misericordia. Custodes assise dicunt quod Willelmus Pictor (*iiii*d.), Thomas de Lynacre (*iiii*d.), Johannes de Werueley (*iiii*d.), Mabilla Fabra (*iiii*d.), Henricus Philippi (*iiii*d.), Walterus Geffrey (*iiii*d.), Johannes Walters (*iiii*d.), Thomas filius Walteri Geffrey (*iiii*d.), Johannes Ordrich rotator³ (*iiii*d.), braciaverunt contra assisam. Ideo in misericordia.

Misericoria, [Assisa] fracta. Thomas filius Walteri Geffrey vadiat emendas domino quia vendidit servisiā domino contra assisam in contemptum domini etc. Plegius Walterus pater eius.

Inquisitio vid. Johannes le Straunge dat domino sex denarios pro inquisitione habenda de uno crofto quod clamat tenere de Ricardo filio Malle ad terminum unius anni. Plegius

¹ Torn off.

² John Walters (Ranulph's father) and his servant are included in the charge of attacking Norreys (*see above*, p. 135-6). John denied the damage and contempt, but because he did not do it for himself and his servants, the court decided against him. In the last item of this court John finds pledges for the payment of his fine, but it is put off for ever if he bears himself well and faithfully towards his lord. *See* p. 139.

³ Wheelwright.

Bedellus. Fiat inquisitio ad proximam Curiam per villatam de Oldebury.

Pena inflicta. Johannes filius Walteri de Oldebury invenit Willelmum filium Ricardi de Tewenhale et Willelmum filium Willelmi de eadem plegios suos [pro] solvendo domino duas marcas et dimidiam argenti pro quodam contemptu facto domino. Et istud re[spectuat]ur [in perpet]uum si pre[dictus] Johannes bene et fideliter se gesserit erga dominum suum, etc.¹

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[141]⁵ CURIA de Hales tenta die Mercurii proxima post festum sancti Nicholai Anno regni regis Edwardi xxix°. [7 Dec. 1300.]

Philippus Atte yte de communi per Willelmum filium Willelmi. Non jacet quia preter fuit districtus.²

Misericordia vid. Johannes de Baresfen vadiat emendas domino pro sanguinis effusione versus Robertum le Noreys. Plegii Johannes de Werueley et Willelmus de la Lowe.³

Dominus queritur de Johanne de Baresfen de eo quod idem Johannes die dominica proxima post festum Omnium sanctorum anno regni regis nunc xxviii° insultum fecit cuidam Roberto le Noreys servienti eius in domo Johannis Walters de Oldebury et ipsum verberavit cum baculo hachiis cultello et manibus et (ipsum *crossed out*) male tractavit ad dampnum et retardationem operis ipsius domini xxs. etc. Et predictus Johannes venit et defendit vim et iniuriam quam etc. et totum. Et dicit quod ipse nunquam predictum Robertum insultavit nec verberavit nec male tractavit nec aliquid mali ei fecit in dampnum vel retardationem operis domini. **Lex.** Et vadiat domino legem. Plegii de lege Johannes de Werueley et Willelmus de la Lawe.³

¹ See above, p. 138. The end of this roll is badly worn.

² The essoin was not accepted because he had also been distrained.

³ John of Baresfen, no doubt the servant of John Walters mentioned before (p. 138), is charged with doing most of the work in the attack on Norreys. He struck him with a staff, with hachets, with a coulter, and with his fists. He denied it and pledged his law. For continuation see pp. 142 144. In the end he was fined 12d.

Thomas de la Grene habet diem usque ad proximam Curiam ad respondendum domino in placito transgressionis quod veniat sine essonia.

Dies. Item dies datus predicto Thome et Jacobo Wylies in placito transgressionis usque ad proximam Curiam sine essonia.

Misericordia i d. Philippus Beleiambe in misericordia pro defalta. Plegius Johannes de Thedrich.

Misericordia ii d. Ricardus Hedrich (*over Thedrich crossed out*) et Thomas Brid, quia dedixerunt presentationem suam, in misericordia. Plegius Bedellus.¹

Misericordia x d. Ricardus Hedrich in misericordia pro contemptu. Plegius Bedellus.¹

Districtio. Philippus de Porta non dum districtus. ideo distringatur quod sit etc. pro defalta.

Misericordia ii d. Johannes de Lappole in misericordia pro contemptu. Plegii Willelmus en la Hay et Louecok de la Hethe.

Misericordia iii d. Presentatum est huthesium levatum per villatum de Haselbury inter Jacobum Wylies et Thomam de la Grene ad iniuriam ipsius Thome. Ideo in misericordia.

Misericordia iii d. Willelmus de Honesworth in misericordia pro transgressionem mulieris² eius de sepibus domini. Plegii Bedellus Louecoke et Willelmus de Tewenhale.

Vacat quia alibi. Ricardus le Coke in misericordia pro transgressionem facta in pastura domini apud Oueley cum averiis suis. Plegius.

Item idem Ricardus in misericordia pro transgressionem facta in pastura domini.

Idem Ricardus.³

Inquisitio. Inquisitio de Oldebury dicit quod conventio inter Ricardum filium Malle et Johannem le Straunge de uno crofto tradito ad terminum octo annorum incept ad festum

¹ These two entries seem to shew that Hedrich is not a variant of Thedrich.

² Or *mulierum*.

³ This is void because it is entered in another place.

sancti Michaelis eo anno quo iter Salopie tentum fuit. Non inquiratur quot sunt anni etc. per aliquam evidentiam.¹

Captio tenementi. Rogerus de Hulle quia vocavit Thomam de la Pirie ad warrantum quod pacavit Dyonisiam de Hulle quatuor solidos pro dampnis suis in Curia adiudicatos, defecit de warranto. Et, quia posuit totum tenementum suum in manu domini quod ista solutio vera fuit et quod ipsa plene recepit predicta dampna, et convictus est huius contrarium. Ideo tenementum suum capiatur in manu domini una cum catallis. Postea idem Rogerus terram suam replegiavit per Thomam atque Pirie et Johannes de Hulle.²

Misericordie. Ricardus le Bercher (1 d.), Robertus Cocus (1 d.), Thomas de Cradeley (1 d.), Thomas Garding (1 d.) in misericordia pro transgressione facta in pastura domini et la Hay. Ideo in misericordia.

Tastatores dicunt quod Thomas Huet (ii d.), Thomas Ricard (iiii d.), Thomas de Longeley (iiii d.), Willelmus Geffrey (iiii d.) braciaverunt et vendiderunt contra assisam. Ideo in misericordia.

Thomas atte Pirie in misericordia pro falso testimonio contra Dyonisiam de Hulle. Plegius Rogerus de Hulle.³

Johannes Fille pro se et uxore eius invenit plegios, scilicet Thomam de Hulle et Thomam Richard, quod non inquietabit Rogerum de Hulle in aliqua curia nisi hic coram domino eorum sub pena amissionis tenementi sui.³

Pax vadiata. Rogerus de Hulle vadiat pacem Johanni de Hulle et Dyonisie uxori eius, scilicet Willelmum de la Hethe et Johannem de la Hethe, quod malum seu dampnum eis non

¹ The inquisition of Oldbury says that the agreement to let a croft for a term of 8 years began at Michaelmas in the year the eyre of Shropshire was held. It cannot find out by any evidence how many years (have run).

² Roger of Hill had called Thomas to warrant that he had paid Dyonisia the damages awarded her, and had failed of his warrant. As he had pledged his whole tenement that she had been paid and the contrary was proved, his tenement and chattels are taken with the lord's hand. Afterwards he replevined his holding.

Roger had beaten her and drawn blood (p. 114).

³ These three entries are all sequels of the *Dyonisia v. Roger* case of the last note. Thomas Pirie had given false witness in his attempt to warrant Roger. Dyonisia and her husband undertook not to take the case into any other court, and Roger bound himself by pledges to a firm peace with them.

faciat. Et Johannes invenit predictum Willelmum de la Hethe et Thomam Atte Pirie de firma pace domini Regis.¹

Misericordia iii d. Henricus le Scattere in misericordia pro transgressione facta familie domini.

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141⁶ CURIA de Hales tenta die Veneris in festo sancti Hillarii Anno Regni Regis Edwardi xxix°. [13 Jan. 1301.]

Optulit. Ricardus de Lynacre de communi per Henricum Bedellum.

Juliana de Cackemor per Willelmum de la More.

[**Misericordia**] ii d. Jacobus Wyllies qui conquerebatur de Thoma de la Grene in placito transgressionis non est presens. Ideo ipse et plegii sui scilicet Henricus Bedellus et Walterus de Hamstede.

Misericordia iii d. Villata de Rugacre presentat huthesium levatum inter Thomam de la Grene et Henricum Simond ad iniuriam ipsius Henrici. Ideo in misericordia.

Misericordia ii d. Thomas de la Grene de Rugacre in misericordia quia minus sufficienter levavit huthesium etc. Plegii Ricardus Coke et Thomas Sygrim.²

Misericordia v d. Presentatum est huthesium levatum per villatam de Wallokeshale inter Aliciam de Lutelwell (i d.) et Anot la Coupere (ii d.) et Leciam la Coupere (ii d.) ad iniuriam omnium istarum. Ideo omnes in misericordia.

Misericordia ii d. Thomas Page in misericordia pro transgressione facta in bosco domini. Plegii Thomas de Halen et Nicholaus le Chapeleyn.

Henricus le Turnur acupatus in curia de eo quod ipse et manupastus eius.³

Johannes de Baresfen optulit se cum lege sua versus dominum et iuravit se tertia manu. Et tertius Juratus, nomine Robertus filius Cristiane de Illeleye, calumpniatus est per dominum pro eo quod ipse est nativus eius et neminem potest purgare versus

¹ See note 3 on previous page.

² Thomas did not raise hue sufficiently. The raising of hue upon felonies or dangerous woundings was a statutory obligation.

³ A false start. See next but two below.

dominum nisi esset libere conditionis cum non sit. Et dictus Johannes dicit quod predicta calumpnia non debet sibi obesse. Idem iuravit ante calumpniam licet natus esse. Et inde petunt iudicium. Et ponitur in respectum, usque ad proximam Curiam. Et prefixus est eis dies in tres septimanas.¹

Robertus filius Cristiane de Illeleye quia se fecit compurgatorem cum Johanne de Baresfen versus dominum exivit extra Curiam sub defenso in contemptu domini. Ideo distringatur etc.²

[*The Roll begins to be worn here and gets very bad by the end.*]

Henricus le Tornur acupatus est in Curia de eo quod ipse et manupastus eius de asceribus captis in bosco [domini ?] et circa molendinum de Dalby. Et ipse venit et contradixit totum et vadiat domino legem. Plegius de lege Henricus Louecok.³

Misericordia ii d. Thomas de la Grene in misericordia quia percussit Jacobum Wylies manupastum domini. Plegii Henricus H et in la Hurne.

Misericordia iii d. Clementia de Romesley in misericordia quia familia eius et manupastus eius ceperunt alnetas in bosco domini. (?) Plegii Robertus de

Misericordia. Eadem Clementia plegii supradicti.

Custodes assise [dicunt quod] Ricardus Aleyn [contra] assisam, Willelmus de (iiii d.), atte Nasshe Johannes de (?) Bradehurst (iii d.) contra assisam.

. . . . de dat domino xii d. pro terra sua la Heth.

¹ See p. 139. John of Baresfen offered himself with his law against the lord, and swore himself with 3 backers. And the third of them that was sworn was challenged by the lord as his own bondman, and no one can be a compurgator or backer against the lord unless he is a free man. John said the challenge ought not to be made against him, for the man had sworn before the challenge was made, although he be a bondman. They ask for judgment on this point. At the next court (p. 144) the would-be compurgator pledged amends to the lord for making himself so without leave, and Baresfen paid a fine of 12d.

² The would-be compurgator is distrained for going out of the court in contempt of the lord.

³ Henry the Turner and his servant took maples in the lord's wood and near the mill of Dalby. He denied it and pledged his law, and made it at the next court (p. 145). *asceribus* for *aceribus*

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Adhuc de Curia tenta die Veneris in festo sancti Hillarii Anno Regni Regis Edwardi vicesimo Nono.

Misericordia viii d. Presentatum est huthesium levatum et sanguinem effusam per villatam de Halen inter Willelmum le Hayward (ii d.) et Thomam (iii d.) et Ricardum filium Henrici Turnur (iii d.) ad iniuriam omnium predictorum. Ideo in misericordia.

Misericordia xii d. Robertus Cocus (ii d.) pro transgressione facta in la Hay, Ricardus Chaundeney (ii d.), Henricus Barun (ii d.), Ricardus le Bercher (iiii d.) bis, Johannes Chep (ii d.), omnes in misericordia pro averiis suis ibidem.

Misericordia iii d. Filia Cristiane de la Hethe (i d.), Filia Roberti de Oueley (i d.), Johannes le Chapmon (i d.), pro transgressione facta cum ramuncis.¹

Districtio. Willelmus Marmiot districtus pro uno denario retento pro terra Julie la Tench per quinquennium.

Districtio. Henricus le Fremon districtus pro uno quadrante retento pro uno sellione de ceteris respiciatur Sedula Celerarii.²

Plegii de proseguendo. Rogerus Faber queritur de Willelmo Dun de placito transgressionis. Plegii de proseguendo Thomas Tinctor et Philippus de Lappol.

141⁷ CURIA de eadem die veneris in crastino Purificationis beate Marie Virginis Anno regni regis Edwardi xxix°. [3 Feb. 1301].

Finis ii s. Willelmus Geffrey dat domino duos solidos pro licencia maritandi Luciam filiam suam.

Finis xviii d. Cristina filia Henrici Aten Assche dat domino xviii d. pro licencia se maritandi.

Misericordia. Robertus filius Cristine de Hylileye vadiavit emendas domino quia sine licentia fecit se compurgatorem Johannis de Baresfen cum sit natus.³

Finis xii d. Johannes de Baresfen fecit finem pro iudicio respectato ad ultimam Curiam et dat domino duodecim denarios.⁴

¹ *Ramuncis.* "Runcilus" is a pack or draught horse.

² For the other things let the Celerar's list be looked at.

³ See p. 142 and 143, n. 1.

⁴ See p. 139.

Essonia. i°. Willelmus Dun versus Rogerum Fabrum de placito transgressionis per Robertum filium Ricardi.

Districtio. Henricus le Fremon de Oldebury, summonitus ad respondendum de uno quadrante redditus retento, non venit, et ideo distringatur.

Summonitio. Lex facta. Henricus le Turnur qui vadiavit unam legem de loquela de placito transgressionis ad ultimam Curiam facit defaultam. Et consideratum est quod summoniatur veniendum ad audiendum suum recordum et suum iudicium de sua defaulta. Sed tamen postea venit et fecit suam legem per licenciam.¹

Plegii de proseguendo. Johannes le Webbe queritur de Willelmo Fabro de Oldebury de placito transgressionis. Plegii de proseguendo Thomas de Littlehay et Walterus Geffrey. Et dictus Willelmus summonitus venit. Et Johannes optulit se versus predictum Willelmum et dicit quod idem Willelmus iniuste sibi detinet tresdecim solidos argenti quos sibi reddidisse debuit pro termino tresdecim annorum de uno prato quod vendidit in feodum infra terminum ipsius Johannis. Et idem Willelmus venit et dicit quod plenam solucionem fecit dicto Johanni de predicta pescunia cum in denariis tum in operationibus ita quod in nichilo ei tenetur. **Lex vadiata.** et inde vadiat ei unam legem. Plegii Walterus Geffrey et Thomas de Lutlehay. Item dicit quod de eiectione termini sui de aliquo tenemento nullum iniuriam sibi (? sibi *repeated*) fecit nec de detentione sex solidorum pro blado, per plegios supradictos.²

Plegii de proseguendo. Henricus Simond queritur de villata de RugAker de placito false presentacionis. Plegii de proseguendo Johannes de Werueley et Henricus filius Philippi de Werueley.

[Plegii de] proseguendo. Thomas o'the Grene queritur de Henrico Simond de placito transgressionis. Plegii de proseguendo Willelmus de Thewenhale senior et Ricardus le Cok.

¹ *Recordum* is what is recorded against him and amounts to the same as *iudicium*.

² John had leased a meadow from William for a term of 13 years. And William had sold it during that term and ought to have paid him 13s. William said he did make full payment to John of the said money in pence and in works, and pledged a law. Also he says that by turning him out of his term of a tenement he did him no injury, nor by withholding 6s. for corn.

[Finis] **xx d.** Robertus Bunch dat domino viginti denarios quia desponsavit Editham filiam Rogeri Marmium sine licencia. Plegii Willelmus le Slattere et Johannes Walters. Et dictus Robertus fecit feoditatem.¹

Willelmus Marmium aracionatus de uno denario annui redditus retento de tenemento Le Tench, qui venit et dicit quod reddit illum denarium annuatim Ricardo Coco qui tenet totum tenementum integrum cui revercio erit post terminum suum, et inde vocat predictum Ricardum ad warrantum.²

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Misericordia ii d. Johannes le Knyst vadiat misericordiam pro retentione unius denarii annui redditus. Plegii Johannes Walters et Philippus Beligaumbe.

[Respec]tus. Actio domini versus Willelmum filium Ricardi Coci de detentione unius quadrantis ponitur in respectu usque ad proximam Curiam ut rotuli scrutentur.³

Plegii de proseguendo. Rogerus Burnet queritur de Rogero le Per de placito transgressionis. Plegii de proseguendo Johannes de Werueley et Johannes Roger de Wallokeshale.

Terra capta. Terra quam Philippus Lyrgan tenuit apud Sprugwelle capta est in manum domini.

Districtio. Henricus Simond de Oldebury, summonitus ad respondendum domino de venditione unius p[ullani]⁴ masculi, non venit et ideo distringatur.

Districtio. Idem Henricus facit defaltam de sua secta et ideo distringatur.

Johannes Thedrich incusatus de una quercu prostrata in tenemento qui fuit Philippi Waggestaf venit et advoat prostrationem illius querci et illam quercum suam propriam, et vult quod inquiratur, et ideo preceptum est toti villate de Oldebury ad videndum locum et quercum ut inde respondeant ad proximam

¹ *Feoditatem* for *fidelitatem*, "fealty."

² W. Marmiun, called to account for *1d.* rent withheld of the tenement "Le Tench," said he paid it to Richard Cook who holds the whole tenement, and to whom it will revert after his (Marmiun's) term. And he calls Richard to warrant.

³ An action put off for the examination of the court rolls.

⁴ Torn off. See p. 150.

Curiam. **Prefixio Curie.** Et prefixus est dies curie eidem Johanni die Mercurii proxima post festum sancte Mathie Apostoli proximo venturum.¹

Misericordie. Hugo de Muwehelowe, Johannes o'the Hethe Willelmus o'the Hethe. Thomas ate Piri, Cristina aten Assche, Juliana Hikedi, pro transgressione averiorum suorum in magno clauso domini.

Misericordia iii d. Walterus de Cackemor in misericordia quia non tenuit conventionem Willelmo Jurdan.

Summonitio. Cristina aten Assche summoniatur ad respondendum predicto Willelmo de predicta conventionem.

Finis xviii d. Rogerus in le Hem dat domino xviii d. quia desponsavit Isabellam filiam Rogeri in Mora sine licencia.

Misericordie. Thomas Ate Pyrie (ii d.), Johannes o'the Heet (ii d.), Willelmus o'the Heet (ii d.) pro transgressione in bosco domini.

Districtio. Radulfus le Sinekere distringatur quia desponsavit nativam domini.

Misericordia. (Philippus Sueynus *crossed out*) Willelmus Simond (i d.), (Willelmus le Sclattere *crossed out*), Willelmus Faber (ob.), Willelmus le Fichere [ob.] quia non solverunt agistamentum² ad diem prefixum.

Misericordia. Philippus le King (ob.), Willelmus le Yonge (ob.), Rogerus Bernard (i d.) Agnes vidua (i d.), Philippus Gerald (ob.), Hugo ate Yate (ob.), Swanus de Werueley (i d.), Johannes de Woltreshurst (ob.), Thomas Faber (ob.), Willelmus ate Leye (ob.), Johannes le Fremon (i d.), Willelmus Protfort (i d.), Johannes le Balysmit (ob.), Johannes o'the Het (ob.), Margeria de Hulle (ob.), Johannes le Coc (i d.), Thomas o'the Grene (i d.), Johannes de Depslouh (i d.), Ricardus le Feys (i d.), Thomas Brid (i d.), Henricus de Thewenhale (i d.), Johannes le Fichere (i d.), Galfridus le Per (i d.), Alicia la Felawe . ., Thomas filius Godithe (ob.), Cristina Atenasse (ob.),

¹ Thedrich, accused about an oak felled in the tenement which was Waggestaf's avowed the felling and said it was his own. The whole township of Oldbury is ordered to view the place and the oak and report at the next court, the date of which is fixed for Wed. after S. Matthias. See p. 150

² *Agistamentum*, payment for pasturing cattle.

Willelmus Dun (1 d.), (Johannes de Whyteleye (1 d.) *crossed out*).

Custodes assise presentant quod Thomas Huet (iiii d.), Ricardus Aleyn (iiii d.), Matilda Fabri (iiii d.), Will (*torn off*), Willelmus Geffrey (iiii d.), Willieimus Simond (iiii d.), braciaverunt et vendiderunt contra assisam. ideo etc.

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141⁸ CURIA de Hales tenta die Mercurii proxima post festum sancti Mathie Apostoli Anno regni regis Edwardi xxix^o.
[1 Mar. 1301.]

Essonie. lex. Warrantizavit. Willelmus Faber versus Johannem le Webbe de placito debiti et conventionis, unde lex. per Henricum Bedellum.

Willelmus filius Willelmi de Tewenhale de communi per eundum Henricum.

Warrantizavit. Johannes de Werueley per Henricum eundem.

Warrantizavit. Johannes Thedrich de eodem per Albanum filium Ricardi.

Warrantizavit. Henricus de Honyngton de eodem per Ricardum filium eius.

Thomas de la Grene de Rugacre queritur de Henrico Simond de eo quod idem Henricus inclu[dere] debuit quamdam hayam inter ipsos apud Rugacre et unam hesam ibidem reparare per a[nnum], pro quorum defectu dampnum sustinuit in bladis suis ad valenciam octo solidorum etc. Et predictus [Henricus] venit et defendit vim etc. Et dicit quod sepes quam claudere debuit sufficienter inclusa est et nullum dampnum inde habuit. Et quod hesia predicta ipse potest ad libitum suum reparare et maxime tempore warecti. **Inquisitio.** Et ponunt se in inquisitionem villate de Rugacre. Et fiat inquisitio ad proximam Curiam.¹

¹ Thomas complains that Simond ought to have shut a hedge between them at Ridgeacre and to repair a fence there yearly. For lack of this he had sustained 8s. damage in his corn. Henry denied violence, etc., and says that the hedge was sufficiently shut and that Thomas suffered no damage, and that he can repair the fence when he pleases, and especially at the time of fallow. (This would mean every third year.)

Districtio. Rogerus Faber optulit se versus Willelmum Donn de placito transgressionis. non venit. Ideo distringatur etc.

Seysina. Memorandum quod Willelmus filius Johannis de Lee per consessum domini habet seysinam de toto tenemento quod fuit Philippi de Putweye habendum et tenendum sibi et heredibus suis inperpetuum sicut alii tenentes manerii de Hales tenent. Et ut teneat illud tenementum pro quarta parte unius Ware terre, nullum averagium inde faciendo. **iii marce. (et dimidia crossed out)** soluta. et dat pro ingressu tres marcas et dimidiam, ad solvendum per sex annos proximo sequentes ad festum Annunciationis beate Marie dimidiam marcam donec predicta pecunia plenarie persolvatur. Et sciendum quod Agnes de Putweye tenebit quartam partem illius tenementi de predicto Willelmo at totam vitam suam et sibi de sua proporcione respondet. **Feoditas.** Et fecit feoditatem. Et predicta Agnes faciet eidem Willelmo feoditatem etc. Plegii de fine Ricardus Coke et Johannes de Lappole. Et nil faciet servisiu citra (autumpnum *crossed out*) festum sancti Michaelis proximo futurum.¹

Rogerus de la Hem dat domino duos solidos ut suum averagium mutetur in aliud servisium et tenebit tenementum suum pro servicio et consuetudine dimidie Ware terre per annum. Et reddet domino per annum sexdecim denarios. Plegii de fine Willelmus de la More Willelmus en la Hay.²

Misericordie. Henricus le Fremon in misericordia pro defalta. Plegii Thomas Ricard et Johannes Walters.

¹ William has by grant of the lord seisin of the whole tenement which was Philip's of the Pit-way to himself and heirs for ever, like the other tenants of the manor, to hold it for the quarter of a Wara (? hide, *see* A. 351) of land, doing no service with his animals therefore (*averagium*, servitium quod tenens *averiis agit* domino). Fine on entry 3½ marks, to be paid in 6 years, half a mark each Ladyday. Agnes of Pit-way will hold a quarter of the tenement of William for her life, and will answer for her proportion to him. He did fealty, and Agnes will do fealty to him. He will do no service before Michaelmas.

² Roger pays 2s. to commute service with his animals to a yearly payment of 16d. His tenement being reckoned for service and custom at half a wara (*see* last note).

Misericordia. Tota villata de Rugacre in misericordia pro falso presentamento. Plegius quilibet alterius.

Misericordia. Willelmus Marmion in misericordia pro warranto non habito. Plegius Willelmus Cocus.

vi d. seisina. Radulfus le Syneker habet seysinam de uno messuagio cum curtilagio que fuerunt aliquando Thome Tebbel tenendum sibi et heredibus in perpetuum et reddet annuatim domino sex denarios. Et dat pro ingressu sex denarios. Plegii Thomas Colling et Henricus de Halen.

Inquisitio de Oldebury dicit quod illa quercus quam Johannes Thedrich prostravit fuit bunda inter tenementum ipsius Johannis et Philippi filii Thome et sic utriusque eorum. **Summonitio.** Ideo dictus Johannes muniatur quod sit ad proximam Curiam ad audiendam iudicium suum etc.¹

Respectus. Actio domini versus Willelmum filium Willelmi Coci de detentione unius quadrantis ponitur in respectum usque ad proximam Curiam, et interim scrutentur rotuli etc.

Respectus. Nicholaus le Chapeleyn districtus est per averia sua veniendi hic ad respondendum domino de placito transgressionis. Invenit plegios essendi hic ad proximam curiam ad respondendum domino in placito transgressionis, scilicet Johannes Walterus et Philippus Beleiambe.

Johannes le Straunge in misericordia pro transgressione facta in bosco domini. Plegii Willelmus le Sclattere, Thomas Geffrey.

Misericordia. Rogerus Burnet et Rogerus le Per concordati sunt. Et predictus Rogerus Burnet trahet Curiam. Ideo in misericordia. Plegius Budellus.

Misericordia. Henricus Symond in misericordia pro defalta. Plegius Bedellus.

Misericordia. Idem Henricus in misericordia quia vendidit unum pullanum masculum sine licencia. Plegius Idem.²

Summonitio. Cristiana de la Nasshe acupata de eo quod non tenuit conventionem Willelmo Jordan. Et predicta Cristiana dicit quod quicquid a retro est de predicta conventionem per

¹ See p. 147. The inquest reports that the oak which Thedrich felled was a boundary tree and therefore belonged to his neighbour as well as to him.

² See p. 146.

Willelmum atte Nasshe filium suum debet perfici de predictis bonis dicti defuncti. Et ideo Walterus de Cackemor et Robertus Cocus executores testamenti ipsius Willelmi summoniantur quod sint etc.¹

Actio domini versus Johannem de Schirlet ponitur in respectum usque ad proximam Curiam. Et villata de Hamstede interim inquirantur de facto predicto etc.

Defalta. Willelmus Donn, qui invenit plegios scilicet Johannem Coke et Henricum Louecoke essendi hic ad respondendum domino de placito transgressionis, non venit. Ideo distringatur et plegii sui de sommonitione.

Misericordia. Nicholaus le Irmonger in misericordia quia cariauit bladum apud Haselbury contra defensionem domini. Plegius Johannes de Lappole.

Plegii de proseguendo. Henricus Simond queritur de Thoma de la Grene de placito transgressionis. Plegii de proseguendo Johannes le Fisshere, Johannes de Walokeshale.

Ideo summoniatur Thomas quod sit etc.

Respice retro.

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Adhuc de Curia infra.

Summonitio. Willelmus de Westleye et Thomas filius Edithe summonentur ad respondendum domino de contemptu de eo quod non tenuit diem sibi prefixum de solucione duorum solidorum quos solvisse debuit Henrico de Fullefen ad festum Purificationis beate Marie.²

Misericordia. Willelmus de Halen, Johannes Pistor, Henricus Baron, Thomas le Masun in misericordia pro transgressione facta in blado domini.

Summonitio. Willelmus de Westleye summonetur quod

¹ Jordan accuses Cristina de la Nasshe (*alias* atte Nasshe) of not keeping an agreement. She replies that whatever is in arrear ought to be paid out of the goods of her deceased son William. His executors are summoned.

² William and Thomas summoned for contempt in not keeping the day fixed for the payment of 2s. to Henry of Fulfen. "Thomas filius Edithe" appears as "Ricardus filius Edde" in the continuation of this affair on p. 153. *Tenuit* and *debut* should be plural.

sit etc. ad respondendum domino de retentione vi denariorum de termino Sancte Marie.

Misericordia. Custodes assise dicunt quod Willelmus Atte Lawe, Ricardus Aleyn, Willelmus de Tewenhal Doget,¹ Matilda Fabra, Willelmus Juvenis bis, Willelmus Geffrey, Willelmus Simon, Johannes Ordric, Cristiana Atte Nasshe, Juliana de Hulle braciaverunt contra assisam. Ideo in misericordia.

Visus. Henricus de Halen acupatus de iniusta arura apud Halen petit visum et habet.²

Respectus. Ricardus Champion acupatus de Margeria de Hulle quam etc. respectuatur ad proximam Curiam.

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142¹ MAGNA CURIA de manerio de Hales die Mercurii proxima post Clausum Pascha anno regni regis Edwardi xxix°. [12 April 1301.]

Essonie. Warrantizavit. Philippus Belegaumbe de apparantia magne Curie per Henricum Bedellum.

Warrantizavit. Ricardus de Lynaker de eodem per eundem.

Warrantizavit. iii°. Willelmus filius Willelmi de Tewenhale de eodem per eundem.

Warrantizavit. Henricus de Honintun de eodem per Ricardum filium suum.

Warrantizavit. Johannes de Werueleye de eodem per Philippum filium Thome.

Nomina Juratorum. Willelmus de Thewenhale senior, Willelmus de Yildingtre Henricus atte Halle, Johannes Thedrich, Thomas o'the Grene de Haselbury, Johannes Walter, Thomas filius Nicholai Fabri de Werueleye, Johannes de Wyteleye, Thomas Adam, Henricus le Fremon (Thomas Faber de Werueleye *crossed out*) et Henricus Tinctor et Philippus ate Yate.

Misericordia. Johannes Coc vadiat misericordiam pro plegio Willelmi Dun. Plegii Johannes Thedrich et Henricus Bedellus.

¹ See "W. de Tenhal dictus Doget," p. 66.

² Henry of Hawn, accused of encroaching in his ploughing at Hawn, asks to have the land viewed.

Misericordia. Rogerus Fokeram et Thomas o'the Grene per considerationem xii hominum Juratorum de Hales et de Werueleye in forma de le lawe prout actenus est usitatum inter duos comitatus, et pro iniuria ipsius Thome dictus Thomas est in misericordia, et dictus Thomas vadiat misericordiam. Plegii Willelmus de Thewenhale senior et Johannes de Depslouh.

Plegii. Idem Thomas oretenus fatebatur in plena Curia quod concessit Rogero Fokerham quamdam partem sue terre per quod dictus Rogerus ipsum vellet aquietare versus dominum de sua misericordia, et pro ista recognitione plegios invenit veniendi coram domino inde responsurus cum vocatus fuerit, videlicet Willelmum de Thewenhale seniore et Johannem de Depslouh.¹

Finis vid. Ricardus de Schirlet dat domino sex denarios pro eo quod desponsavit Margeriam de Covintre sine licencia. Et fecit feoditatem domino pro tenemento ipsius Margerie, et recognovit servitium suum videlicet quinque denarios per annum et duas sectas.²

Plegium Solucionis. Memorandum quod Ricardus filius Edde de le Hul manuceptus ad reddendum Henrico de Fulfen ii s. in quindena post festum Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste proximo venturum de debito Willelmi de Westleye sub pena misericordie domini. **Misericordia.** Et pro iniusta detentione dictus Ricardus est in misericordia.³

Plegii conventionis et solucionis. Willelmus de Westleye invenit plegios subscriptos ad solvendum celerario qui pro tem-

¹ This case appears in A. 410 to 420, but there are no particulars of Thomas' transgression. The scribe appears to mean that a jury of Hales and Warley had considered the case "in the form of the law as hitherto used between the two counties," and found Thomas in fault. Thomas pledges his fine, and says by word of mouth in full court that he has granted Roger part of his land, and Roger is willing to settle up for him with the lord about his fine. He pledges himself to come when called.

² Margery, being a landowner, Richard had married her without waiting for the lord's consent. The service due from her land was 5*d.* a year and two attendances at the manor court.

³ This and the next entry have to do with the same affair (*see* p. 151). Richard is bound to pay Henry Fulfen 2*s.* within a fortnight after Midsummer, and is amerced for wrongful withholding.

pore fuerit annuatim singulis annis dum Henricus de Fulfen superstes fuerit dimidiam marcam ad festum sancti Michaelis, et de dimidia marca que aretro est similiter. Plegii sunt Willelmus ate Hethe et Ricardus de Edwineshul.¹

Oldebury. Misericordia. Villata de Oldebury presentat quod Alicia filia Philippi Robines de Oldebury traxit sanguinem de Felicia filia Johannis Walter iniuste. ideo etc.

Dampna. Villata de Halen et de Hulle presentant quod canis Thome o' the Heethe jugulavit unam bidentem Henrici filii Johannis le Knyst. Et ideo consideratum est quod dictus Henricus recuperet suam bidentem et sua dampna per taxationem. **Misericordia.** Et dictus Thomas in misericordia. Plegii Johannes de Lappole et Johannes Rondulf.²

Idem presentant quod Willelmus de Twychelbache serviens Henrici Tinctoris tulit minutas bordas de domo heredis Rogeri de Aula. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Prutfot tulit quatuor ligna longa de alneta de eadem domo ad detrimentum predicti heredis.³

Item presentant quod ad tenementum Ricardi Bedelli erant due domus tempore Henrici Tinctoris, una in qua solebant manere, alia fuit una grangia, que modo sunt prostrate ad nocumentum predicti tenementi.⁴

Romesley presentant quod Henricus Tandis, Willelmus le Carpenter faciunt defaltam. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Pictator, Robertus de Monte, Petrus filius Roberti le Somenor,

¹ William agrees to pay the Celarer for the time being, so long as Henry Fulfen lives, half a mark at Michaelmas, and likewise as to the half mark which is in arrear. I suppose William had taken over land of Henry's which had this obligation to the Celarer upon it.

² Henry is to recover his ewe and taxed damages against Thomas, whose dog had killed it.

³ The servant of Henry the Dyer took small boards from the house of the heir of Roger Hall, and William Prutfot took four long logs from the alder grove of the same. This spoiling of vacant and unguarded premises was not uncommon.

⁴ There used to be two houses on the tenement of Richard the Beadle when Henry the Dyer had it. In one they lived, and the other was a grange. Both are now pulled down to the detriment of the tenement. A grange is usually a house belonging to the Abbot. See A. lxi.

Ricardus Aleyn, Robertus le Bonde, Thomas de Monte, Clemens Tandy, Adam de la Grene, Ricardus filius Nicholai, Walterus Jones, Clemencia de Monte similiter faciunt defaltam.

Misericordie. Ricardus Chaundeney, Robertus Cocus, Emmot la Baxstere, Henricus le Baron, Willelmus Crompe, Ricardus Chaumpion bis, Emmot la Baxstere, Willelmus Don in misericordia pro transgressione facta in blado et sepibus domini. Plegius quilibet alterius.

Misericordie. Oldebury dicit quod omnes manentes en le Netheroldebury ceperunt de Bruera in Donnesley exceptis Willelmo le Scattere et Johanne le Webbe. Ideo in misericordia etc.¹

Seisina. xviii d. Willelmus Geffrey dat domino xviii denarios pro seysina habenda pro quadam placea terre que iacet subtus hayam Galfridi le Per iuxta ripariam de Tame hundredo² sibi et heredibus suis reddendo inde per annum tres quadrantes ad tres anni terminos et fecit feoditatem.

Tastatores dicunt quod Philippus Beleiambe, Willelmus Geffrey, Chichely de Bradehurst, braciaverunt contra assisam.

Lerwyte. Agnes filia Juliane de Hulle violata est per carectarium de Blakeley. ideo faciat emendas domino.

xii d. Agnes filia Johannis Oniot dat domino xii d. pro fine lecherwyte. Plegii Thomas de la Grete et Henricus Oniet.

Districtio. Matilda de Edwineshul nativa deflorata per leyrwyte.

Misericordia. Willelmus Faber de Oldebury venit et fecit suam legem versus Johannem le Webbe de Oldebury plenarie et legitime. Et ideo consideratum est quod dictus Willelmus est quietus et dictus Johannes in misericordia pro suo falsa querela. Plegii Willelmus le Scattere et Henricus Simond.

Duodecim Jurati superius nominati dicunt super suum sacramentum quod Ricardus Chaundeney, Robertus Cocus, Ricardus

¹ All but two of the inhabitants of Nether Oldbury are fined for taking from the heath in Donnesley. What they took is not stated.

² The boundary of Came Hundred. Came was a small hundred which included Tardebigg, Alvechurch, Stoke Prior, Northfield, Frankley and Warley Wigorn, etc. It was merged in Halfshire.

Ate Welle et Willelmus le Webbe arraverunt altam viam iniuste et ideo sunt in misericordia. Et preceptum est xii Juratis illud incontinenti emendare.¹

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Adhuc de magna Curia prout infra Jurati presentant.

Jurati presentant de quadam via communi inter Haselbury et molendinum de Nottwik quod semper fuit aperta et nunc est obstructa. et dicunt quod quicumque bladum habeat in illo campo includere faciat in suo proprio solo ita quod dicta via aperiatur.²

Item dicunt quod Ricardus Edrich arravit et artavit³ unam viam apud Halen iniuste. et ideo dictus Ricardus est in misericordia. et preceptum est Juratis illud incontinenti emendare.

Misericordie. Ricardus le Coc pro duobus pullanis, Nicholaus de Marisco pro uno pullano, Thomas ate Pyrie pro uno pullano, Walterus de Cackemore pro uno pullano in blado domini. quisque eorum plegius alterius.⁴

Finis xiii s. iiii d. Philippus filius Thome de Baresfen fecit finem pro relevio tenementi quod fuit predicti Thome patris sui et dat domino unam marcā. Plegii de fine Johannes Roger de Wallokeshale et Thomas de Langeley. Et dictus Philippus fecit feoditatem.

Districtio. Willelmus Molendinarius facit defaltam et ideo distringatur.

Misericordia. Thomas le Archer vadiat misericordiam pro eo quod retinuit Agnetem in les Gorstes contra defencionem domini et defencionem.⁵

¹ The Jurors are ordered to put right immediately the high way which Chaundeney and the others had ploughed up. Not in their capacity of Jurors, but as representative men of the manor.

² The common way between Hasbury and Notwick Mill, which was always open, is now obstructed. The jury say that whoever has corn in that field must confine it to his own ground, so that the way may be opened.

³ "Ploughed up and narrowed."

⁴ Trespasses by foals in the lord's corn.

⁵ Archer had given lodging to Agnes in spite of a special order against her being harboured within the manor.

142² CURIA de Manerio de Hales die Mercurii in Vigilia Assencionis Domini Anno regni regis Edwardi xxix°. [10 May 1301.]

Essonia. Johannes Trolly de communi per Nicholaum Juvenem. Postea venit.

Misericordia. Willelmus Carpentarius vadiavit misericordiam pro defalta. Plegii Henricus Tandy et Willelmus Yedrych.

Thomas Sementarius queritur de Juliana de Halen de placito transgressionis. Plegii Willelmus de Halen et Rogerus de Hulle.

Districtio. Matilda de Edwynneshul nondum districta et manet ad domum matris sue et ideo distringatur si aliquid inveniatur per quod possit distringi. Et inibitum est ne aliquis eam hospitet sub pena misericordie domini denec venerit ad respondendum domino.¹

Agnes filia Juliane de Hulle vadiavit emendas quia deflorata est. Plegii Johannes Walter et Willelmus de Tewenhale senior.

Districtio. Rogerus Burnet et Thomas le Kyng faciunt defaltam. ideo distringantur.

Misericordia. Villata de Haselbury in misericordia quia non aperuerunt viam inter Haselbury et molendinum de Nottewyk sicut preceptum fuit ad magnam curiam et ad huc preceptum est eis quod aperiant predictam viam sub pena misericordie domini.²

Districtio. Willelmus Molendinarius districtus pro defalta per unam jumentam ad huc facit defaltam. et ideo districtio retineatur et dictus Willelmus melius distringatur.

Galfridus Osbern queritur de Thoma de la Grene de placito transgressionis. Plegii de proseguendo Henricus Hauek et Willelmus de Tewenhal.

Galfridus Osbern optulit se versus Thomam de la Grene in placito transgressionis, et quia dictus Thomas non fuit summonitus ad respondendum predicto Galfrido, loquela differtur usque

¹ Matilda is not yet distrained and remains at her mother's. If anything of hers can be found she is to be distrained. No one is to lodge her until she comes to answer to the lord (for lerwyte, p. 155).

² See p. 156.

ad proximam curiam, et prefixus est dies partibus a die isto in tres septimanas.

Plegii de proseguendo. Willelmus de Hamsted et Rogerus le Per queruntur versus Henricum le Chapeleyn, Walterum Geffrey, Thomam filium eius, Willelmum filium Ricardi Coc. **Attornamentum.** Et predicti Willelmus et Rogerus ponunt loco suo Rogerum de Fokenham attornatum illorum in predicta loquela.

Districtio. Villata de Haselbury presentat quod Issabell filia Agnetis Dun de Haselbury verberavit Feliciam uxorem Willelmi Dun et dicta Felicia Levavit hutesium iuste, et ideo dicta Issabell distringatur.

Rogerus le Per et Willelmus de Hampstede per Rogerum Fokenham, per attornatum suum optulerunt se versus Willelmum filium Ricardi Coci et dicunt quod animalia sua sibi fecerunt dampna in pastura eorum que vocatur Walters acre ad valentiam vid. Et dictus Willelmus invadiavit illis emendas et domino misericordiam. Plegii Johannes de Werueley et Henricus Budellus.¹

Henricus Chapeleyn invadiavit unam legem Rogero le Per quod nulla sua averia fuerunt in pastura que vocatur Waltersaker. Plegii Johannes Yedrich et Philippus Beliambe.

Finis x s. Willelmus filius Thome de Lynacre fecit finem pro relevio terre que fuit predicti Thome patris sui, et fecit feoditatem.

Summonitio. Rogerus de Fokenham queritur de Thoma de la Grene de placito debiti. Plegii Rogerus le Per et Johannes Yedrych. Et ideo predictus Thomas summoniatur ad respondendum Rogero predicto de placito debiti.

Memorandum quod omnes homines villate de Oldebury fecerunt finem cum domino quod illa placea vasti que vocatur le Wellegrene ut iaceat imperpetuum ad communem algamentum totius villate de Oldebury nunquam aliter approprianda, et

¹ Le Per and W. of Hampstede by Roger Fokerham their attorney offered themselves against William Cook and say that his beasts did them damage in their pasture called Walter's acre to the value of 6*d*. William pledged amends to them and a fine to the lord.

predicti homines per manum alicuius hominis de predicta villa reddent inde singulis annis iiii^{or} d. ad festum sancti Michaelis. Plegii de fine Johannes Yedrich, Henricus Robyn, Walterus Geffrey et Thomas filius eius. Et dant domino dimidiam marcā. et hoc concessum est Inferiori Ville de Oldebury.¹

.... Wervel'. (Sibilla filia *crossed out*) Johannis de Wallokeshal queritur versus Henrico the Per de placito transgressionis. Plegii de proseguendo Rogerus le Per et Johannes filius Rogeri. Et ideo predictus Henricus summoniatur ad respondendum predictę Sibille.

On another piece attached :

Ad huc de Curia tenta die Mercurii in vigilia Assencionis domini anno regni regis Edwardi xxix^o.

Walterus Geffrey et Thomas filius suus vadiant emendas Rogero le Per et Willelmo de Hampsted pro averiis suis in herbagio de Walteraker et domino misericordiam. Quisquis eorum plegius alterius. Dampna estimantur ad xii d.

Willelmus de la Heth invadiavit misericordiam pro dampno facto in the W[it]hes. Plegii Johannes de Hull et Thomas de la Pyrie.

Custodes assise presentant quod Thomas le Squier de Romesleye semel, Willelmus Pictor semel et Ricardus Aleyn semel, Thomas Faber de Werueley bis, Willelmus Juvenis semel, Willelmus Geffreye semel, Philippus Sweyn semel, Cristiana de Fraxino semel et Henricus de Monte bis, bracia-verunt et vendiderunt contra assisam.

Willelmus de Wylinghurst, Johannes atte le yate (?), Agnes R . . . (?) pro averiis inparcatis de blado domini.

Emmot Pistor, Ricardus de Fonte pro averiis.

¹ The township of Oldbury gave the lord half a mark to have the plot of waste called the Well Green appropriated for ever to the joint possession of the whole township and never otherwise. They will pay 4d. a year at Michaelmas by the hand of some man of the township. This was granted to the lower town of Oldbury. *Alagamentum* for *amalgamentum*, in the sense of "joint stock." Nether Oldbury appears on p. 155.

Johannes de Lappol pro vitulis suis (?) inparcatis de
domini.

*The end of this roll is in part illegible. I am not certain
of the last three entries.*

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142³ CURIA de Hales tenta die Veneris proxima ante festum
sancti Barnabe Apostoli Anno Regni Regis Edwardi xxix°.
[9 June 1301.]

Essonie. Thomas de la Grene essoniavit se versus Rogerum
Fokerham de placito transgressionis per Henricum Bedellum.
*Above this is written Vacat quia non fecit mentionem de placito
debiti.*

Idem Thomas versus Galfridum Osbern de placito trans-
gressionis per eundem Henricum.

Misericordia. Thomas Burnet in misericordia pro defalta.
Plegius Budellus.

Misericordia. Willelmus de Molendino in misericordia pro
eadem. Plegius idem Budellus.

Galfridus Osbern optulit se versus Thomam de la Grene de
placito transgressionis qui est essoniatus superius. Ideo dies
datus est eis ad proximam Curiam etc.

Misericordia. Rogerus le Per in misericordia pro falso
clameo versus Henricum le Chapeleyn. Plegius Budellus.

Finis xvi d. Matilda de Edwyneshull fecit finem cum
domino pro Leycherwyte per xvid. Plegius Thomas Armiger.

Districtio. Thomas le Kyng dstringitur pro defalta quod
sit ad proximam Curiam.

Respectus. Willelmus Molendinarius habet diem ad re-
parandum unam domum in terra domini ubi braciare debet.
Et invenit plegios quod predicta domus erit reparata ad festum
sancti Johannis Baptiste in anno regni regis Edwardi xxx°.
Plegii Thomas Richard et Johannes Walters.¹

¹ William the Miller is given till Midsummer 1302 to repair a brewhouse
on the lord's land.

Querela. Iuo Textor queritur de Thoma Atte Pirie de placito debiti. Plegii de proseguendo Galfridus Osbern et Henricus Budellus.

i marca. Rogerus Coke dat domino unam marcam argenti pro licencia desponsandi Julianam de Hulle. Et pro seisina habenda de quadam placea terre contra portam predictę Julianę sibi et heredibus suis in perpetuum. **Redditus id.** Et reddet domino per annum unum denarium ad festum sancti Michaelis pro omni servicio. Et fecit feoditatem in Curia. Plegii Ricardus Coke, Thomas Haralt.

Misericordia. Juliana de Schirlet in misericordia pro despectu facto Ricardo le Coupere. et faciet emendas domino. Plegius Budellus.

Misericordia iii d. Thomas Atte Pyrie in misericordia quia retinuit salarium filii Iuonis Textricis. Et faciet puero tres denarios. Plegii Thomas de Hulle et Thomas Atte Putte.¹

Misericordie. Custodes assise presentant quod Henricus Philippi de Werueley, Willelmus Juvenis, Cristina de la Nasse, Henricus de Monte, Johannes de Bradenhurst, Thomas Simond, Willelmus filius eius, Thomas Richard, Thomas Squier, Willelmus Pictor in misericordia quia braciaverunt et vendiderunt contra assisam.

Seisina. Finis xii d. Henricus de Lynacre dat domino xii d. pro habenda seisina de quadam particula terre quam Philippus Simond tenuit in Romesley, tenendum sibi et heredibus suis in perpetuum. et habet inde seisinam. Faciet domino duas apparencias² per annum et tenebit eam eodem modo quo idem Philippus ipsam tenuit. **Redditus iiii d.** Et reddet domino per annum iiii denarios. et fecit feoditatem.

Misericordia. Presentatum est huthesium levatum per villatam de Hulle inter Willelmum filium Willelmi de Dalwyke et Sarram servientem Henrici Tinctoris ad iniuriam ipsius Willelmi. Ideo in misericordia.

¹ Thomas atte Pyrie kept back the wages of the son of Ives the Weaveress. (Or should it be Ivo the Weaver? See above, line 1.) He is to give the boy 3d.

² Appearances in court.

Misericordia. Willelmus Crompt in misericordia pro equo suo in avena domini.

Misericordia. Ricardus Bercarius¹ pro eodem in misericordia.

Misericordia. Ricardus ad Fontem pro aucis² suis in avena domini.

Misericordia. Rogerus Faber pro herbagio domini.

Misericordia. Ricardus Kampiun in misericordia pro una jumenta in pastura domini.

Summonitio. Rogerus Fokes queritur de Thoma de la Grene de placito transgressionis. Plegii Rogerus Cokes et Willelmus Thedrich. Ideo summoniatur.

¹ Shepherd.

² Geese.

APPENDIX.

ROMSLEY COURTS.

The first four come after Court No. 7 in Mr. Amphlett's series and are written on the back of a Hales roll. The other 14 follow No. 10, and are on two rolls of their own. If the courts were held at regular intervals the clerk must have had no proper system of keeping the records of them. There were 7 courts within the half year beginning Oct. 1279, but in no other year are more than 4 recorded, and the intervals are curiously variable, as will be seen in the following list. The Amphlett courts are numbered 1 to 11, and the courts now printed are indicated by index figures and set back. Courts on the same roll are bracketed.

1. 10 Oct. 1279.	1. 25 Ap. 1293.
2. 22 Nov. „	2. 1 Aug. „
3. 9 Dec. „	3. 23 Mar. 1294.
4. 23 Dec. „	4. 21 June „
5. 12 Jan. 1280.	5. 23 June „
6. 27 Jan. „	6. 30 Oct. 1296.
7. 6 Mar. „	7. 8 Oct. 1298.
1. 12 Oct. 1280. }	8. 24 July 1301.
2. 29 Nov. „ }	9. 8 Aug. „
3. 17 June 1281 }	10. 10 Oct. „
4. 27 Oct. „ }	11. 8 Feb. 1302.
8. 24 Jan. 1282.	12. 28 Mar. „
9. 16 Mar. „	13. 27 Ap. „
10. 20 Sep. „	14. 1 May 1303.
	11. 4 July 1307.

1280.

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7¹ CURIA de Romesley die sabbato proxima post festum sancti Dionysii Anno regni regis Edwardi octavo. [12 Oct. 1280.]

Thomas Squier pro duabus defaltis in misericordia. Plegius Henricus de Fulfen.

Misericordia vi d. Johannes de Honeford pro hutesio levato iniuste, et ideo in misericordia. Plegius Alanus de Tadenhurst.

Misericordia vid. Willelmus Molendinarius in misericordia quia verberavit ancillam Ricardi de Edwyneshule. Plegius Ricardus Bound.

Misericordia xii. Hausia de la leye pro filia sua videlicet de lervite in misericordia. plegius Thomas filius eius.

Misericordia vi d. Felicia Miteyngs in misericordia quia deforciavit¹ Adam Snow de feno suo et percussit filium suum, et ideo in misericordia. Plegius Henricus de Folfen.

Misericordia vid. Adam Snow quia cepit vaccam Felicie Miten iniuste et detinuit ipsam contra vadium. Et ideo in misericordia. Plegius Johannes de Monte.¹

Memorandum quod datus est dies Ade Snow de Namio vi capto de custodia Tandis clerici die sabbati proximo.²

Memorandum de Willelmo de Pirie pro transgressione facta per fratrem suum super bladum domini.

Districtio. Nicholaus de Monte fecit defaltam et negat sectam curie. Et inquisitio dicit quod debet sectam. Et ideo distringatur pro defalta.³

Inquisitio. Item inquisitio inter familiam Henrici de Fulfen et uxorem Willelmi Orme ponitur in respectu usque sabbato proxima videlicet de hutesio levato.

¹ *Deforciare*, to oust. or wrongfully withhold. Felicia did Snow out of his hay and struck his son. And Snow took her cow and kept it contrary to pledge.

² Was this pledge which Snow took by force out of the custody of Tandis the clerk Felicia's cow, or some beast of his own which had been distrained?

³ Nicholas defaulted in his attendance at court, and denied that he owed suit (was bound to attend). The inquest says he does owe suit.

Thomas de Monte calumpniatur quia destruit herbagium vicinorum cum averiis extraneorum.¹

7² CURIA de Romesley in vigilia beati Andree Apostoli Anno regni regis Edwardi Octavo. [29 Nov. 1280.]

Prohibitum est hominibus de Norfeud scilicet Willelmum et Johannem ne de cetero intromittant² de terra Le Squier.

Districtio. Nicholaus de Monte iterum distringitur pro pluribus defaltis.

Willelmus de facta.

Misericordia. Henricus de Fulfen queritur de Roberto Coco quod eum deceptit in quadam conventionione facta inter eos, et hoc probavit cum secunda manu. Sed ita convenit inter eos quod Robertus Cocus concessit dicto Henrico terminum suum de quodam puero, et ambo in misericordia quia non tenuerunt conventionem prius factam inter eos. Plegii Henrici de pacto Alanus de Tadenhurst, Henricus de Aula.³

Misericordia. Ricardus de Pirie in misericordia pro quadam transgressione facta in autumpno in blado domini. Plegius Willelmus de Pirie.

Misericordia. Ricardus de Edwineshul in misericordia quia non sequebatur querelam suam. Plegius Willelmus atte Lythe.

Misericordia. Idem Ricardus queritur de Johanne le Wowere. et uterque in misericordia.

Finis iis. Memorandum quod Henricus de Fulfen habet terminum quem Robertus Cocus habuit de Emma filia Thome le Chalener et habet seysinam terre sue usque ad etatem dicte Emme et debet custodire puerum. et dat domino iis.⁴

¹ Thomas is charged with taking on tack beasts belonging to people outside the manor and letting them pasture on his neighbours' grass.

² *Intromittere*, to meddle with.

³ Henry complains of Robert the cook that he deceived him in an agreement, and proved it with two backers. Robert agreed to grant to Henry his lease of some boy's land. Both are in mercy because they did not keep the agreement made before.

⁴ This would naturally be taken as an appendix to the fourth entry above, if it were not for the "boy" in both. I think it must be a mistake for "girl," unless "puer" is used for a child of either sex.

7³ CURIA de Romesley die sancti Botulphi Anno regni regis Edwardi Nono. [17 June 1281.]

Thomas le Fox essoniavit se de communi per Henricum filium Galfridi, et calumpniatur.

Misericordia vid. Willelmus Molendinarius in misericordia pro defalta, Plegii Ricardus Bounde, Frater W. de Brug[es].¹

Nicholaus de Monte in misericordia pro pluribus defaltis.

Finis xii d. Henricus de Fulfen cepit quandam placiam terre in Bureacherne ad marliandum et aliam placiam in Smalecroft per xvi^{cim} annos. et dat domino pro licencia habenda xii d. Et de Ricardo de Edwineshull unam sey lionem per xi croppos.²

Finis vi d. Robertus Wodekoc pro licentia tradendi terram suam Henrico predicto vid.

Finis vi d. Willelmus atte lithe pro licentia marliandi quemdam placiam terre de Willelmo Orme ad tresdecim croppos dat domino vid.

Willelmus Orme in misericordia quia convictus de falsa querela super Henricum de Fulfen. iiii dies in autumpno.³

Henricus de Fulfen in misericordia pro hutesio levato per servientem suum. vid.

Henricus l'the medewe et uxor eius tradiderunt et quietum clamaverunt domino Abbati et conventui unum croftum in perpetuum quod vocatur Greyley juxta regiam viam ad caput terre eorundem quam habuerunt de Johanne de Kelmestouye. Et dimissum est eis dimidiam arruram et dimidiam hersuram.

¹ Brug' is Bruges. See p. 168.

² Henry took a plot of land to marl, and another for 16 years, and a selion for 11 crops. Allowing for fallow every third year 11 crops would usually extend over 16 years. Thorold Rogers says that at Maldon in Surrey marling was extensively done, about 100 loads to the acre being used, at a cost of from 3s. to 3s. 6d., or nearly half the value of the fee simple of ordinary arable land. ("Six Centuries of Work and Wages," p. 92). Taking a load to be a cubic yard the above quantity would give a dressing nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thick.

³ A fine of 4 days-works in Autumn.

pro qua quieta clamazione Frater W. de Brug[es] qui custos ibidem tunc fuit dedit eis unam marcam argenti premanibus.¹

Districtio. Ricardus de Volatu facit defaltam.

Thomas Faber similiter.

Johannes de Honeford similiter.

Misericordia vid. Willelmus de Gildintre pro purprestura² in misericordia. Plegius Ricardus le Bounde. vid.

Districtio. Thomas Adams de Hileley et Robertus Aparitor³ fecerunt defaltam. Preceptum est quod distringantur.

Dicunt Jurati quod Thomas Faber de Monte cepit purpresturam in vasto domini, sicut patet, extra haiham suam.⁴

Districtio. Isabella soror Ricardi de Kelmestouue districta pro leywite. Filia Felicie de Kelmestowe similiter.

Districtio. Item dicunt quod (Henricus *crossed out*) Walterus le Archer exhonerat pasturas sine licentia domini. Et ideo prohibitum est particulam porci apud Thome de la leye et duos bidentes ad domum Henrici de la Medewe.⁵

Misericordia vid. Johannes Baldrich in misericordia quia tenet clausum quemdam campum vi d.⁶

346211 ii. dorso.]

7⁴ CURIA de Romesley in vigilia Simonis et Jude Anno regni regis Edwardi ut supra. [27 Oct. 1281.]

Misericordia. Condonatur. Presentatum est hutesium leva-

¹ Henry in the meadow and his wife conveyed a croft to the Abbot and Convent, for which they were let off half their ploughing and harrowing and received a mark.

² Encroachment.

³ A summoner to the ecclesiastical court.

⁴ Thomas Smith took in an encroachment on the lord's waste, which was manifestly outside his fence.

⁵ Archer freed (? opened the fence of) his pasture without the lord's leave. He was therefore ordered not to remove part of a pig at Thomas de la leye's and two sheep at Meadow's, so that they might be available for distraint. He was distrained by 3 ewes at Meadow's in the next court.

⁶ Baldrich is fined because he kept a field enclosed after the fence should have been opened.

tum inter Roberti Wodechok et uxorem Henrici Wodechok ad iniuriam utriusque, et ideo ambo in misericordia.

Consideratum per totam curiam quod Ricardus de Volatu distringatur pro viridi cera.¹

Alote relicta Henrici I'the medewe quietum clamavit Abbati unam acram in campo que vocatur Overworp et duas acras in campo que vocatur Buracharne et inde seysivit Abbati in plena curia de Romesley.²

Finis xs. Abbas de Hales concessit Henrico filio Tandi duas acras in Buracharne quas frater W. de Bruges emebat de Relicta Henrici I'the medewe. et dat domino x solidos pro seysina et quolibet anno i diem in autumpno pro redditu et i diem amoris.³

Districtio. Thomas Faber ad huc distringitur pro purpresura. Preceptum est Thomas Adams de Hileley distringatur.

Districtio. (Walterus le Archer cepit duas bidentes contra inhibitionem ad domum Henrici In ye medewe et ideo distringitur *crossed out*.)

Districtio. Walterus le Archer distringitur per iii oves matrices ad domum Henrici I'the medewe.⁴

1293.

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10¹ CURIA de Romesley die Sabbati proximo ante festum sancti Marci Evangeliste anno regni regis Edwardi xxi°. [25 Ap. 1293.]

Essonie. i°. Willelmus de Yildintre de secta Curie per Ricardum filium Henrici. Warantizavit.

W.⁵ i°. Henricus ad Aulam de communi per Philippum filium suum. Optulit se.

¹ An order from the Exchequer to the Sheriff to levy a fine bore a seal of green wax. Richard had presumably left his share of a levy unpaid.

² A widow conveys 3 acres to the Abbot. What she received for it is not stated.

³ Tandy gives a fine of 10s. for seisin and, instead of rent, a day's work in autumn and a day of reconciliation, *i.e.*, to act as mediator between disputants and help them to come to a settlement.

⁴ See p. 167.

⁵ Warantizavit.

defalta. i°. Willelmus de Pyrie de communi per Thomam filium Thome. Et non iacet quia natus.¹

i°. Willelmus le Mey de communi per Thomam filium suum.

(i°. Thomas Faber de communi per Willelmum de Wales-hale *struck out*.)

Summonitio. Willelmus de Yildintre non dum summonitus ad respondendum Willelmo ate Lithe de placito transgressionis. Et ideo summoniatur.

Summonitio. Thomas de Monte summoniatur ad respondendum domino de placito quare cum idem Thomas recepisset viii s. et viii d. de denariis agistatis villate de Romesleye pro porcione sua de sex marcis de debito domini Regis in viridi cera, de quibus denariis actio domini regis relaxata fuit toti manerio, Ita quod singuli receperunt pecuniam quam pacaverunt preter homines de Romesleye quorum pecuniam dictus Thomas recepit.²

Nomina inquisitionis. Henricus de Fulfen, Johannes de Sirebourne, Ricardus Aleyns, Thomas de la Leye, Johannes de Monte et Johannes de la grene.

Veredictum. Misericordia iii d. Jurati dicunt quod famula Thome de Honeford consueta est comburendum sepes vicinorum.

Juliana la Hert similiter que alias transgressa est de simili transgressionem, Unde villata ei inhybita fuit. Et captata est ad domum Roberti (Ricardi *struck out*) le Londe. **Misericordia Ricardi iii d.** Et dictus Robertus presens fuit et vadiavit misericordiam quia ospitavit eam post defencionem. Plegii Willelmus at Lythe et Thomas ate Leye.³

¹ The esoin did not lie because sent by a "native."

² Thomas is summoned to answer to the lord wherefore when he had received 8s. 8d. of the pence imposed on the township of Romsley for its share of 6 marks, a debt to the King in the exchequer, and the King's action about those pence was released to the whole manor, so that all received back the money they had paid except the men of Romsley, whose money Thomas received [but had not returned it to them].

³ Juliana had burnt fences before and had been forbidden the township. She was taken at Robert's house. He was present and pledged his fine for harbouring her after it had been forbidden.

Finis vis. viii d. Clemens filius Alexandri de sancto Kenelmo dat domino dimidiam marcam pro licentia habenda ad desponsandam Emmam filiam Thome le Chauner que est heres Matilde de Fulfen et ad tenendum suum tenementum sicut alii consuetudinarii tenent. Et de predicta fine et de tenemento sustendendo et servitium inde faciendo plegios invenit, scilicet Thomas le Esquier et Ricardus de Edwineshul. Et predicta Emma venit in Curiam et fecit predictum Clementem attornatum suum. **Seysina. feoditas.** Et idem Clemens seysinam de predicto tenemento recepit et suam feoditatem domino fecit.¹

10² CURIA de Rommesley die sabbati in Advincula sancti Petri apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi vicesimo primo. [1 Aug. 1293.]

Essonie. W.² Henricus de Fulfen de communi secta Curie per Thomam filium Roberti.³

Willelmus de Yldentre alias essoniatus optulit se.

Willelmus ate Pyrie alias essoniatus optulit se. Calumpniatur essonia.

Misericordia ii d. Henricus Tandy calumpniatus quod comedit pasturam capelle.⁴ Recognovit et vadiavit domino. pleg (*erasure*).

¹ Clement gives half a mark for leave to marry Emma, the heiress of Matilda and to hold her tenement just as other customary tenants do. He finds pledges about the fine, the upkeep of the tenement and the service to be done for it. Emma came and made him her attorney. Clement received seisin and did fealty.

² Warrantizavit.

³ Henry essoined from a common suit of court. This entry shews the exact meaning of *de communi* in essoins. In Jacob's "Court Keepers' Manual" of 1715 it is referred to the excuse, "for a common or ordinary reason." That was obviously not the meaning at the time of these rolls, for sometimes it was followed by *summon*, which I took to be *summonitione* (or *summonitus*), and referred it to the manner of summons, "from a common or general summons." The addition of *secta* shews that it should be referred to the reason for attendance, "a common or ordinary suit of court," as distinct from appearance when a man was wanted for something particular. The full phrase would run *de communi secta summonitus*.

⁴ Henry Tandy grazed the Chapel pasture. He admitted it and pledged his fine to the lord.

Misericordia ii d. Clemens Tandy calumpniatus de busca domini asportata per eum sine licentia domini. Recognovit et vadiavit domino. Plegius Thomas Squyer.

Thomas de Monte summonitus ad respondendum de octo solidis viii d. agistatis villate de Rommesleye per querelam Henrici de Aula, Henrici de Fulfen et Willelmi ate Lithe, venit. et prenominati Henricus de Aula et Willelmus atte Lithe vadiaverunt legem. ideo datus est eis dies de lege usque ad proximam dominicam. Plegii de lege Willelmi Johannes o'the grene, Henricus Wodecok. Plegius Henrici de lege Willelmus de Yldentre.¹

1294.

10³ CURIA de eadem die Martis proximo post festum sancti Benedicti Abbatis anno regni regis Edwardi xxii°. [23 Mar. 1294.]

Essonie. War.² i°. Thomas de Kelmestowe de communi per Johannem filium Thome.

Lex vadiata. Condonatur. Willelmus de Yldintre vadiavit unam legem domino quod non fecit defaultam ad proximam Curiam ante Curiam tentam die Sabbati proximo ante festum sancti Marci Ewangeliste anni regni regis Edwardi xxi°. Plegii de lege Thomas o'the Hulle et Henricus ad Aulam.³

Essonia. Willelmus le Mey de communi per Thomam filium suum.

Misericordia ii d. Willelmus ate Pyrie vadiavit misericordiam pro defaulta quam fecit ad Curiam tentam die sabbati proximo ante festum sancti Marci Ewangeliste anno regni regis Edwardi xxi°.

Summonitio. Thomas de Monte summoniatur ad respondendum domino quare cum homines sui nativi de Romesleye dederunt suam contributionem ad sex marcas que retro redditae fuerunt ad reddendum hominibus de manerio de Hales cum

¹ See p. 169. Thomas is now brought to court at the complaint of three men of Romsley, two of whom pledge their law against him. At the next court the lord summons him.

² Warrantizavit.

³ *Lege to Aulam* is written above the entry with reference mark. The names are repeated below as "Henricus ate Halle, Thomas de Hulle."

membris et idem Thomas recepit et retinuit porcionem que reddi deberet hameleto de Romesleye et illam porcionem retinuit.¹

Finis xii d. Henricus filius filius Henrici In le medewe dat domino xii d. pro inquisitione habenda de Jure suo de tribus selionibus terre quas Henricus Tandy tenet in campo qui vocatur Boeracharne. Plegii de fine Johannes o the grene et Ricardus de Edwyneshul.

Inquisitio. Et inquisitio dicit quod Henricus pater eius habuit illas tres seliones terre de sua perquisicione in excambio pro quadam terra quam mutavit cum quodam Ricardo le Bonde, et inde obiit seysitus. Sed Adthelina mater istius Henrici vendidit illas tres seliones fratri Willelmo de Bruges, que nullam potestatem habuit vendendi illam terram. Et quod Henricus Tandy intravit in illis tribus selionibus terre per predictum Willelmum de Bruges. Sed ius istius Henrici filii Henrici tale est. Et sic predicta terra capta est in manum domini salvo cuiuslibet iure.²

Relevium iiis. Willelmus de Yldintre dat domino tres solidos pro fine et relevio Johannis filii sui de hereditate Matildis matris sue. Plegii Henricus ate Hulle et Thomas o the Hulle.

Finis xii d. Henricus filius Henrici ate Medewe dat domino xii d. pro relevio suo de tenemento quod fuit Henrici patris sui. Solvit et fecit feoditatem.

Finis vi d. Henricus Wodecoc dat domino sex denarios pro

¹ See pp. 169, 171. The Abbot's "native" men (villain tenants) of Romsley gave their contribution to the 6 marks which were given back to be returned to the men of the manor of Hales with its members, and Thomas retained the portion which ought to have been given back to the hamlet of Romsley.

² Henry son of Henry in the Meadow gives 12*d.* for an inquest about his right to 3 selions which H. Tandy holds. The inquest says that Henry's father acquired the selions by exchange with Richard le Bonde and died seized of them. Athelina, Henry's mother, sold them to Friar William of Bruges, but had no power to sell. Tandy entered on them through the said William. So the land was taken into the lord's hand, saving everyone's right. In the next entry but one Henry gives 12*d.* for the relief of his inheritance and does fealty for it. At the next court he surrenders the three selions and receives them again to hold of the lord for ever.

licencia intrandi dotem Agnetis Noverce¹ sue. Plegii Johannes le Knyst et Walterus de Oldebury.

10⁴ CURIA de eadem tenta apud Hales die lune proxima post festum sancti Botulfi Abbatis anno regni regis Edwardi xxii°. [21 June 1294.]

Quieta clamacio. Henricus filius Henrici ate Medewe reddidit in manum domini tres seliones terre in Boer Atcherne quos petiit versus Henricum Tandy. Et dominus concessit illos tres seliones predicto Henrico ad tenendum imperpetuum sicut eos de domino prius cepit et tenuit.²

Finis iiis. iiid. Thomas de Hulle vadiavit emendas pro transgressione in bosco. Plegios nondum invenit.

10⁵ CURIA de eadem tenta die Mercurii proxima post festum sancti Albani Martiris anno regni regis Edwardi xxii°.³ [23 June 1294.]

Essonia. Mortuus. i°. Willelmus le Mey de communi per Ricardum filium Johannes le Squier.

Respectus. Loquela domini versus Thomam de le Hul de sex marcis quas recepit de hominibus domini et solvisse debuit nec dum solvit ponitur in respectu.⁴

Misericordie ix d. Inquisitio facta per Juratos de malefactoribus in bosco domini dicit quod Matild de Kelmestowe (iiid.) et filia Ricardi de eadem (iiid.) et Margeria filia Johannis de eadem sunt consueti asportare boscum domini et comburere sepes domini et vicinorum.

Misericordia xii d. Clemens filius Alexandri de Kelmestowe convictus est de una carectata de Busca domini operata ad

¹ Stepmother.

² See last note but one.

³ Written at the side in a different hand "Robertus Roger le lepar" and "a. b. c. d. e. f. g. h. i. k."

⁴ After this entry in the hand mentioned in the last note "Robs. Robs. nichs. Dzobis. quos." All mere scribbling.

Cariandum Wichio sicut alias convictus fuit. et ideo vadiavit misericordiam. Plegios non invenit quia est natus.¹

Misericordia xii d. Willelmus de Hininton convictus est de consimili transgressione sed modo prius. Plegios non invenit quia natus est.²

Tenementum redditum in manum domini. Memorandum quod Agnes de Fulfen reddidit in manum domini totum illud tenementum quod de domino tenuit in Romesleye exceptis duobus selionibus quos dicta Agnes prius concesserat Henrico de Fulfen ad tenendum ad totam vitam suam qui iacent in campo qui vocatur Bradewey subtus sepem ipsius Henrici qui post obitum ipsius Henrici ad predictum tenementum reverti deberent. **Finis vi s. viii d.** Et dominus concessit predictum tenementum Ade filio Rogeri o'the grene et predictae Agneti et eorum heredibus pro dimidia marca quam dictus Adam domino dedit pro ingressu illius tenementi, faciendum tamen servitium inde debitum et consuetum. **Finis vi d.** Et dictus Henricus dat domino sex denarios pro licencia tenendi predictos duos seliones ad totam vitam suam, et post vitam ipsius Henrici pueris Willelmi de Westleye procreatis de Juliana filia Henrici de Fulfen et eorum heredibus.³

Concessio tenementi. Finis xs. Memorandum quod dominus concessit Henrico de la Medewe quamdam terram inclusam que vocatur Greleye ad tenendum sibi et heredibus suis imper-

¹ Clement was convicted about a load of the lord's firewood made ready for carrying to Wich, as he had been before. He pledged his fine. He did not find pledges because he is a villain. The salt-pans of Droitwich seem to have drawn their fuel from a wide area.

² William's is a first offence, but his fine is the same as Clement's.

³ Agnes Fulfen surrendered into the hand of the lord her tenement in Romsley, excepting 2 selions in the field called Broadway which she had granted to Henry Fulfen for his life and ought to revert to the said tenement after his death. And the lord granted it to Adam son of Roger and Agnes and their heirs. Adam gave half a mark for entry and will do the service due. And Henry gives 6d. for leave to hold the 2 selions for his life and for them to pass after his death to the sons of his daughter Juliana by William of Westleye. This appears to be Agnes' and Adam's marriage settlement. The effect of the leave given to Henry would be to alienate the 2 selions from Agnes' holding to Henry's. He was presumably a near relation.

petuum pro servicio duorum denariorum annuatim solvendorum pro omni servicio, et pro decem solidis de fine pro ingressu, de qua quidem fine manucaptorem invenit scilicet Henricum de Fulfen, cui dominus concessit formam et condicionem subscriptam videlicet quod predictus Henricus de la Medewe totam pecuniam x s. solvat habeat tunc et teneat totam predictam terram habere ; Et, si non solvat, predictus Henricus de Fulfen illam pecuniam solvere tenetur et totam terram sibi heredibus suis imperpetuum. Vel si unus eorum medietatem illius pecunie solverit et alter eorum alteram medietatem tunc predicta terra inter ipsos participetur tenendum imperpetuum in forma prescripta. Et quia Henricus de la Medewe non solvit et predictus Henricus de Fulfen totum solvit, totum tenementum predicto Henrico de Fulfen et heredibus suis imperpetuum remanet.¹

1296.

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10⁶ CURIA de Romesleye die Martis proxima post festum Apostolorum Simonis et Jude anno regni regis Edwardi xxiiii^o. [30 Oct. 1296.]

Emende iiid. Alexander de sancto Kenelmo vadiavit emendas pro dampno facto in blado et stipula² domini per sua averia. Plegii Henricus ad Aulam, Thomas O the Hulle.

¹ Henry of the Meadow had succeeded to his father's holding at the court of 23 March last. He is now granted the croft called Greyley, which his parents had quitclaimed to the Abbot in June 1281. The days-works in ploughing and harrowing which they had done are now commuted for a rent in money. It would seem that Meadow had not made up his mind whether he would take up the grant himself or transfer it to Henry of Fulfen. As will be seen in the following abstract of the entry, he did not take it up. The lord granted a close to Henry of the Meadow at a rent of 2d. in lieu of all service and a fine of 10s. on entry, for which Henry of Fulfen was surety. If Meadow pays the whole 10s. he has the whole of the land. If he does not pay, Fulfen is bound to pay and to have the whole of the land. If each pays half, the land is to be divided. Meadow did not pay. Fulfen did, and the whole tenement remains to him and his heirs for ever. For *manucaptor* see A. 567 n. The words after *participetur* are illegible from damp.

² Stubble.

Misericordia iii d. Willelmus ate Laythe vadiavit misericordiam quia non habuit Thomam Snou quem plegiavit.¹ Plegii de misericordia Johannes O the grene et Robertus le Bonde.

Veredictum. Inquisitio dicit quidam pauper fuit in estate ultima veniendum aliquo inter villam de Romesley et quadam die venit ad domum Alicie de Edwineshul et ab inde asportavit lineos pannos humidatos usque in boscum de Offemor. Et ibi venientibus Waltero de Bromwich fugatore Willelmo ate Lyt et Henrico ad Aulam et abstulerunt ab eo predictos pannos et unam suam tunicam albam et unum flagellum trituratorium et argentum in sua bursa, sed quantum neciunt nec ubi devenit. ideo etc.²

Misericordia iis. Ricardus de Edwineshul, Thomas le Sckuyer, Johannes O the Hull, Willelmus de Yildintre, Robertus le Bonde, Johannes le Wowere, Willelmus ate Pyrie, Willelmus Orm, Clemens Tandys, et Adam O the grene, Henricus Wodecoc et Thomas O the leye sunt in misericordia pro defectu collectionis nucium.³ Quisque predictorum plegius alterius.

Inquiratur. Inquiratur per Rentale domini si Henricus Tandy reddat domino unum denarium plus quam duos solidos.⁴

Misericordia vid. Henricus Tandi vadiavit misericordiam quia oculte voluit subtrahisse unum denarium de suo redditu quem solvisse debuit filiabus Johannis de sancto Kenelmo. Plegii Thomas filius Fille et Thomas le Esquier.⁴

¹ He had been pledge for Snou's appearance, and did not bring him to the court.

² The inquest says that last summer a poor man was going about the village of Romsley and one day he came to Alice's house and took away wet linen cloths to Offmore Wood. Walter, waggoner to William at the Lyth, and Henry Hall came and took them from him, and his white tunic and a flail and the money in his purse. How much it was they do not know, nor where he is gone.

³ Several of these men appeared at the next court but one to do fealty and acknowledge their services, but only in one case is collecting nuts mentioned.

⁴ The lord's rent roll is referred to about Tandy's rent. From the next entry it appears that he had secretly withdrawn *1d.*, which he might the more easily do as he was not paying it direct to the lord.

Respectus. De comburatoribus sepium, habuerunt diem usque diem dominicam.

Districtio. Willelmus de Yildintre distringatur pro sex denarius in quibus tenetur Simoni de Parco.

Misericordia iiid. Adam O the grene est in misericordia quia negavit convencionem tenendi Henrici Tandi.¹

1298.

10⁷ CURIA de Romesley die Mercurii in crastino Marci pape Anno regni regis Edwardi xxvi°. [8 Oct. 1298.]

Henricus de Aula, Robertus de Monte, Willelmus de Yldintre, Thomas Squier, Henricus Wodecoc, Thomas filius Fil, Ricardus de Edwynshul dicunt quod Robertus de Hulle, Robertus de Bonde et Nicholaus cariauerunt buscam domini de Offemore sine licencia domini.

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Memorandum quod Adam Otte grene per licenciam domini concessit Henrico Tandi ii seliones in Bureaucherne sibi et heredibus in perpetuum et dictus Henricus reddet dicto Adam² annuatim unum quadrantem ad festum sancti Michaelis.

Below is written in another hand In expensis Willelmi de Anton' per mensem . . .³

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Tempore fratris Ricardi de Boudun celerarii.

1301.

10⁸ CURIA de Romesley die Lune in vigilia sancti Jacobi Apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi xxix°. [24 July 1301.]

Respectus. Willelmus de Yildintre araconatus de quadam placea terre que continet sex perticas terre in longitudine que iacet iuxta terram ipsius Willelmi quam tenet in excambium de

¹ This may be a sequel to the entries about Tandy's rent, and mean that Adam was fined because he said that Tandy's tenancy agreement was not what it really was.

² After "Adam" is "V" underdotted as an error.

³ The amount is illegible. The name might be "Aucou." The final abbreviation mark resembles the -er type. The first five words are written again underneath. I do not see what connection it can have with the court.

tenemento condam Ricardi le Blakehog pro tenemento quod dominus tenet de messuagio quod fuit Willelmi patris ipsius Willelmi de Yildintre. Et quia ista demonstrata est valde extranea, Habet diem usque ad proximam Curiam inde se consulendi et respondendi.¹

Respectus. Thomas le esquier inculpatus de eo quod fodit cespites in vasto domini et cespitavit terram suam inde sine licencia, qui venit et dicit quod habuit licenciam de fratre Willelmo de Fraunkeley celerario pro domino suo dando, et inde vocat ipsum fratrem Willelmum ad warrantum, et prefixus est ei dies ad habendum suum warantum ad proximam curiam.²

Feoditates facte.³ Henricus Tandy fecit feoditatem domino et recognovit servitium suum scilicet iis. et vd. per annum partitos ad quatuor terminos anni et messuram per duos dies in autumpno ad mensam domini semel in die tantum.⁴

Ricardus Aleyn fecit feoditatem et recognovit etc. videlicet vd. per annum pro omni servicio et duas sectas.

Henricus ate Halle fecit feoditatem et recognovit xiid. per annum pro omni servicio.

Willelmus de Yildintre fecit feoditatem et recognovit iiid. per annum in festo nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste pro omni

¹ This case appears again in the next 3 courts. William is called to account about a plot of land adjoining his present holding. William's father, when Friar John was celarer, had taken a tenement formerly Richard le Blakehog's in exchange for a tenement of his, which the lord now holds. The plot was not included in (*extranea*) the exchange, and the lord's plea is that it is demesne, and William has no right to it. William's reply was that it was his father's freehold, and the exchange made with Friar John did not touch it. See p. 184. Araconatus = arationatus, condam = quondam.

² "Dug turf in the lord's waste and turfed his land with it without leave." I suppose to improve the soil. He said the Celarer had given him leave.

³ At this court twenty-two tenants did fealty and acknowledged their services, and seven others were distrained because they did not do so. The inference is that there were 29 tenants in Romsley. The services mentioned are ploughing (*arrura*), harrowing (*hersura*), harvesting (*messura*), mowing (*falcatio*) and collecting nuts.

⁴ Tandy has one meal a day from the lord when he does harvesting for him.

servicio et unam libram cumini pro communia in offemor porcorum et averiorum suorum. et ideo inde consulendum est.¹

Thomas de sancto Kenelmo fecit feoditatem et recognovit iiid. per annum pro omni servicio preter messuram unius diei ad mensam domini semel tantum.

Ricardus Nicol fecit feoditatem et recognovit xiid. per annum et messuram unius diei ad mensam domini semel tantum.

Walterus de sancto Kenelmo qui prius fecerat feoditatem nunc recognovit xiid. per annum pro omni servicio.

Thomas ate Leye natus fecit feoditatem et recognovit servicium suum per annum videlicet iis. partitos ad quatuor terminos, et arruram trium dierum per annum, et hersuram trium dierum dum caruca arraverit, et messuram trium dierum in autumpno ad mensam suam propriam, et debet falcare sicut unus de vicinis suis.²

Thomas le Esquier fecit feoditatem et recognovit servicium suum, videlicet iis. vid. per annum et alia servicia sicut Thomas ate Leye.

Thomas o the Hul fecit feoditatem et recognovit servicium suum videlicet iis. iiid. per annum et alia servicia sicut Thomas ate leye.

Willelmus de Yildintre fecit feoditatem et recognovit servicium suum videlicet iis. xd. obolum et alia servicia sicut Thomas ate Leyes.

Willelmus ate Lithe fecit feoditatem et recognovit servicium suum scilicet iis. iid. per annum, arruram duorum dierum, hersuram per duos dies dum caruca arraverit, falcare per unum diem.

Willelmus de Westleye fecit suam feoditatem et recognovit

¹ His right to common of pasture is to be advised upon. At the next court he is summoned to shew proof. Cummin was used as a sort of curry powder.

² Thomas ate Leye's services are referred to in many subsequent entries as the norm of a villain tenants'. The harrowing is to be done when the plough has ploughed, and when he does harvesting for the lord it is at his own table, *i.e.*, he provides his own meals.

suum servitium videlicet ii s. et iii d. per annum, arruram per duos dies, herciare tantum, messuram quatuor dierum, i d. et obolum pro falcatione.¹

Henricus Wodecoc fecit feoditatem et recognovit servitium suum scilicet ii s. vid. per annum, arruram per duos dies, herciare tantum, messuram trium dierum, falcare per unum diem.

Adam O the grene fecit feoditatem et recognovit servitium suum scilicet xix d. obolum et quadrantem ; Clemens de Fulfen fecit feoditatem et recognovit etc. xix d. quadrantem. Et debent alia servicia sicut Thomas ate leyes.

Willelmus Orm fecit feoditatem et recognovit servitium suum scilicet xviii d. per annum, arrare per duos dies et herciare tantum, messuram et falcare sicut Thomas ate Leye.

Willelmus ate Pyrie fecit feoditatem et recognovit servitium suum scilicet ii s. ii d. obolum, et alia servicia sicut Thomas ate Leye.

Robertus le Bonde fecit feoditatem et recognovit servitium suum scilicet xxii d. per annum, arrare per duos dies tantum, messuram per tres dies, falcare per unum diem, colligere nuces per unum diem.

Ricardus de Edwineshul fecit feoditatem et recognovit servitium suum scilicet xx d. per annum et alia servicia sicut Thomas ate Leye.

Ricardus de Honeford fecit feoditatem et recognovit suum servitium scilicet xvi d. per annum, arruram duorum dierum, messuram duorum dierum, falcare per unum diem ad mensam domini, vel dare pro falcatione ii d.²

Robertus o the hul fecit feoditatem pro termino suo³ et recognovit servitium suum, scilicet ii s. ii d. et alia servicia sicut ceteri nativi.

¹ W. of Westleye paid $1\frac{1}{2}d.$ only instead of mowing. Richard of Honeford, in the 7th entry below, gave $2d.$ as an alternative for a day's mowing at the table of the lord. If Westleye had to provide his own meals, Honeford's payment seems unduly large. *Tantum*, "the same amount."

² See last note.

³ Robert's tenancy was for a term of years only ; a "lease" from some other tenant.

Veredictum. Willelmus Pictor, Petrus filius Roberti le somenour, Thomas Faber, Clementia o the Hul, Johannes o the grene junior et Margeria de Sancto Kenlemo distringantur pro sua feoditate facienda.

Willelmus de Yildintre incusatus de omissione facta in sua feoditate facienda de sua secta, vocavit cartam suam ad warantum quod nullam sectam debet. Et habet diem usque ad proximam Curiam de suo waranto habendo.

10⁹ CURIA de Romesley die Martis proxima post festum sancti Petri ad vingcula Anno regni regis Edwardi xxix°. [8 Aug. 1301.]

Respectus. Willelmus de Yildintre qui petiit respectum de quadam placeam terre de dominico domini ut patet in Curia precedenti non venit eo quod nimis tarde fuit munitus. in isto casu actio domini versus ipsum Willelmum ponitur ad huc in respectu usque ad proximam Curiam, et dictus Willelmus inde muniatur.¹

Respectus inde quietus per warantum. Thomas le Esquier, qui vocavit Warantum ad ultimam Curiam de cespitibus quos fodit in vasto domini, pro brevi summonitione habet diem usque dominicum ad habendum warantum suum coram Celerario per literam fratris Willelmi Celerarii precedentis patentem, aut quod dictus frater Willelmus ipsum warentizet oretenus.²

Summonitio. Willelmus de Yildyntre qui recognovit iiii d. [per] annum pro communia pasture in Offemor averiis et porcis suis summoniatur ad demonstrandum quomodo clamat illam pasturam tenere.

Inquirendum est de domino Abbate si receperat feoditatem de Willelmo Pictor necne. Dominus recognovit.³

¹ William did not come because he was summoned too late. (*Munitus* for *monitus*.) Thomas in the next entry had the like excuse.

² Thomas had said that Friar William the late celarer had given him leave to dig turf. He must either bring a letter from him or get him to come himself and warrant him by word of mouth.

³ An instance of fealty being done out of court to the Abbot himself.

Summonitio. Petrus filius Roberti le Somenur distringatur ad faciendum feoditatem domino.

Districtio. Thomas Faber distringatur ad faciendum feoditatem domino.

Districtio. Johannes o the grene junior distringatur ad faciendum feoditatem domino.

Misericordia. Clementia de monte (iii d.) invadiavit misericordiam pro defalta. Plegii Henricus de Aula et Thomas Le Esquier.

Eadem Clementia fecit feoditatem et recognovit servitium suum pro custodia et dote sua, videlicet v. solidos per annum et vii d. Curiam.¹

Respice in Tergo.

346791 i. dorso.]

Ad huc de Curia Tenta die Martis proxima post festum Sancti Petri Ad vingula Anno regni regis Edwardi xxix°.

Misericordia. Margeria de sancto Kenelmo invadiavit misericordiam pro defalta. Plegii Henricus Tandri et Henricus de Aula.

Eadem Margeria fecit feoditatem et recognovit servitium suum videlicet id. per annum et unam sectam.

Post Festum Sancti Michaelis.

10¹⁰ CURIA de Romesleye die Martis in crastino Sancti Dyonisi martyri Anno regni regis Edwardi xxix°. [10 Oct. 1301.]

Essonie. Willelmus de Yildintre [essoniat] se versus dominum Abbatem Johannem de Hales et omnes ballivos suos de secta Curie et de omnibus aliis querelis per Hugonem de Haggeley. Et calumpniatur pro eo quod essonia de secta Curie est alterius nature quam essonia alterius querele, cum plurime sint querele et essoniator non facit mencionem cuiusmodi sunt

¹ An instance of fealty being done out of court to the Abbot himself.

² "vii" ended a line and "Cur." is at the beginning of the next. A "d." has been added in different ink after "vii" and "Cur." has not been struck out. It seems to mean that 5s. 7d. and one court a year was due from her. Margery of S. Kenelm in the second entry below owed one suit. Clementia's holding was the wardship of her son and her widow's portion.

querele nec quem tangunt. et actio domini est de transgressione. pro secta allocatur.¹

i°. Robertus de Hulle de communi per Willelmum filium Willelmi.

Districtio. Willelmus de Yildintre facit defaultam versus dominum in placito occupationis terre domini, et ideo distringatur.

Districtio. Willelmus de Yildintre qui fuit summonitus ad demonstrandum quomodo clamat tenere com[munia pro]² averiis et porcis suis in Offemor, vocatus non venit et ideo consideratum est quod distringatur.

Finis xii d. Cristina O the Grene de gracia speciali habet licenciam se maritandi, et pro ista gracia dat domino xii d. renunciando consuetudine, et solvit in continente.³

Feoditas facta. Willelmus de sancto Kenelmo fecit feoditatem et recognovit servitium suum scilicet iii d. per annum et messuram unius diei in autumpno ad mensam domini et duas sectas per annum.

Feoditas facta. Willelmus Pictor, qui prius recognovit servitium suum et fecerat feoditatem, nunc protulit unam cartam per quam predecessores sui tenuerunt suum antiquum tenementum de volatu pro uno pare cirotecarum ad natale domini pro omni servicio. Et recognovit xvi d. pro alio tenemento pro omni servicio.⁴

Districtio. Petrus filius Roberti le somonour, Thomas Faber, Johannes o the grene Junior distringantur pro sua feoditate facienda.

¹ The essoin was challenged because the essoiner did not mention what all the complaints against William were, nor whom they concerned. It was accepted for suit only. Otherwise he was reckoned to have defaulted, as appears below.

² Torn here. For William's claim *see* p. 179.

³ The usual merchet was 12s. for marrying within the manor and 2s. outside it. Cristina gave the lord 1s. for waiving the custom.

⁴ W. the Painter proffered a charter by which his predecessors held his ancient de Volatu tenement by a pair of gloves at Christmas. He acknowledged 16d. for his other tenement. For the identity of de Volatu with Marmiun *see* A. cx,

Misericordia. Clemens Tandy in misericordia quia non solvit redditum suum.

Misericordia. Willelmus de Westley in misericordia pro eodem.

Districtio. Robertus o the Hul (Juliana de Marlera, Henricus o the grene, Ricardus Sibili, *struck out*) Thomas Faber et Margeria Tandy distringantur pro suo redditu retento.

Misericordia. Henricus ad Aulam vadiavit misericordiam pro transgressione in bosco. Plegii Henricus Tandy et Willelmus Pictor.

Districtio. Jurati dicunt per suum sacramentum quod uxor Ricardi filii Malle collegit in autumpno de pisis et vessis¹ in campo plus quam collegisse debuerat, sed parve quantitatis. ideo etc.

Matilda Hichecoc similiter.

Johannes le Fox pro una garba similiter.

1302.

10¹¹ CURIA de Romesley Tenta die Jovis proxima post festum Sancte Agathe Anno regni regis Edwardi xxx^o. [8 Feb. 1302.]

Essonia. ii^o. Robertus de Monte de communi per Willelmum de Hulle.

Actio domini versus Willemum de Yildentre de demonstratione munimentorum suorum de communia porcorum suorum in Offemor ad instanciam Henrici de la Hurst et aliorum amicorum suorum relaxatur.²

Willelmus de Yildentre vadiavit misericordiam pro defalta. Plegii Henricus de Aula et Henricus Tandy.³

Consulatur dominus. Idem Willelmus rationatus⁴ de predicta placea terre que continet in se sex perticas in longitudine quam quidam⁵ placeam terre tenet de occupatione patris sui plusquam excambium quam frater Johannes fecit cum patre

¹ Peas and vetches.

² See pp. 178-9, 181, 183.

³ See pp. 182-3.

⁴ For *arationatus*, called to account.

⁵ For *quidem*.

predicti Willelmi. Quiquidem Willelmus presens fuit et respondendo dicit quod tenet totam predictam terram integram pro predicto excambio sicut pater suus illam terram tenuit et non aliter. Et cum sit suum liberum Tenementum non vult nec tenetur respondere sine precepto domini Regis. Set tamen dicit quod promptus est ad resipiendo iterato predictum excambium si emendetur per dominum quantum deterioratur per predecesores suos. Et ideo consulatur dominus.¹

Respectus. Actio domini versus Willelmum de Yldentre de prostratione et abduxione domorum de Tenemento Nativo quod fuit uxoris sue ad instanciam Henrici de la Hurst ponitur in respectu usque ad proximam Curiam.²

Districtio. Petrus le Sumonyour, Thomas Faber, Johannes o the Grene Junior non dum districti. Et ideo distringantur.

Districtio. Robertus o the Hulle, Thomas Faber nondum districti pro redditu suo retento. Ideo distringantur.

Misericordia. Johannes de la Grene vadiat misericordiam pro redditu suo retento. Plegii Ricardus de Edwyneshull et Adam [de] la Grene.

Misericordia vi d. Idem Johannes vadiat misericordiam quia redemit corporalem penam cum catallo domini. Plegii.³

Misericordia gallina. Ricardus filius Malle vadiat misericordiam pro transgressione uxoris sue.

Misericordia gallina. Matilda Hychcok vadiat misericordiam pro consimili transgressione.

(Iniunctum est Thome le Esquier quod habeat Matild de Kelmestowe ad proximam Curiam pro consimili transgressione vel quod ipse *struck out*.)

Misericordia gallina. Thomas de Kelmestowe vadiat miseri-

¹ See p. 177-8. The last offer of William is that he is ready to receive again the tenement which his father had given in exchange for the one he now holds, if the lord will put it into as good order as it was before.

² William had pulled down and taken away buildings on the tenement he held in villainage, which had been his wife's. See p. 172.

³ This appears to mean that John had been condemned to corporal punishment with the option of a fine. And that he had used goods of the lord to pay it. This is the only mention of corporal punishment in these rolls. The court had no power to inflict it.

cordiam pro transgressione uxoris sue in autompno. Plegii Henricus Tandy, Thomas Squier.

Inquiratur per familia domini de Nova Grangia de impedimento quod Adam de la Grene fecit Willelmo Horm carucario domini apud Novam Grangiam in yeme per quod dominus amisit aruram unius diei.¹

Misericordia gallina. Johannes Fox (summonitus *struck out*) vadiat misericordiam pro transgressione unius Garbe.

Misericordia, gallina. Willelmus Carpentarius vadiat misericordiam pro transgressione. Plegii.

Willelmus Orm summonitus pro consimili transgressione.

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10¹² CURIA de Rannusley Tenta die Mercurii proxima post festum Annunciationis Beate Marie Virginis Anno regni regis xxx°. [28 Mar. 1302.]

Memorandum quod Adam de la grene fecit finem domino pro tenemento quod fuit Johannis de la grene et dat domino decem solidos argenti. Plegii Henricus Tandi et Thomas Squier.

Memorandum quod Ricardus filius Malle dedit Johanni fratri suo et Margerie uxori suo unum buttum terre in Rommisle a superedificandum et Tenendum ad totam vitam utriusque eorum, ad redendum inde eidem Ricardo et heredibus suis annuatim unum denarium ad festum sancti Michaelis et unum obolum ad festum beate Marie in Martio.²

10¹³ CURIA de Romesleye tenta die Veneris in Ebdomada Pasche Anno regni regis Edwardi xxx°. [27 Ap. 1302.]

Willelmus de la Lythe in misericordia pro dampno facto in bosco domini cum averiis suis. Plegii Thomas le Squier, Willelmus Atte Pirie.

¹ The lord's household at the New Grange is to be asked about the injury Adam did there in winter to William the lord's ploughman; whereby the lord lost a day's ploughing. For Granges see A. lxix. He supposes the New Grange to be Halesowen Grange.

² Richard gave a butt of land to his brother and his brother's wife to build on and hold for the life of each of them at a rent of 1½d. A "butt" is the end of a ploughed field.

Inquisitio capta de malefactoribus in bosco domini per Thomam le Squier, Henricum de Aula, Willelmum de Yldintre, Robertum le Bonde, Thomam de Kelmestowe, Henricum Tandy et Ricardum de Edwyneshull et Thomam de Monte et Willelmum de la Pyrie, qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Thomas le Squier asportavit duas quercus quas cepit de Henrico Wodewardo de Offemor et unam fraxinum. Et interfuit Adam Serviens de Romsley, et ipse primo procuravit ut venderentur.¹ Ideo in misericordia.

Idem Thomas in misericordia pro transgressione facta in busca asportata in bosco domini. Plegii.

Item dicunt quod Willelmus Atte Pyrie cepit unam fraxinum.

Item dicunt quod Robertus le Bonde cepit octo fraxinos et birches, iiii^{or} utriusque generis.

Item dicunt Robertus de Aula dedit Henrico Seres et Hugo frater eius ii quercus. Hugo le Roo i quercum dedit filio H. Sires.²

Item dicunt Robertus le Curteys cepit birches quorum numerus ignoratur.

Item Ricardus Aleyn cepit duas quercus in Farleye.

Item dicunt quod Willelmus Jones, Willelmus Pillokes, Henricus Tandy, Thomas Fille.

1303.

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10¹⁴ CURIA de Romsleye tenta die Mercurii in festo Apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi Anno Regni Regis Edwardi Tricesimo Primo. [1 May 1303.]

Essonia.³ **Misericordia.** Henricus Heringes (ii d.) in miseri-

¹ Presumably Thomas the Squire would not take part in the inquiry when his own ill-doings were being dealt with. He carried off two oaks, which he took from Henry the woodward of Offemor, and one ash. And Adam Sergeant of Romsley was mixed up in it, and arranged for the sale of them.

² H. Sires and his son seem to have been receivers of stolen timber. The case seems to settle that Hugh is brother to R. de Aula.

³ There are no essoins.

cordia pro transgressione facta in bosco domini. Plegius Robertus de Monte.

Nomina inquisitionis scilicet Thomas Squier, Robertus de Monte, Willelmus Atte Pyrie, Thomas de Monte, Ricardus Aleyn, Ricardus de Edwyneshull.

Finis Clemencie de Romesleye de se maritando respectuetur quo usque colloquium cum Abbate habuit.

Summonitio. Jurati dicunt quod Willelmus le Peynter aravit in vasto domini. Ideo summoneatur etc.

Misericordie. Item Kemme Tandy (iii pullos). cepit Radices quas frater Ricardus emit de Willelmo de Westley.¹

Adam de la Grene similiter (iii). Henricus filius Malle Hichecoks (iii). Cristiana filia Malle (iii pullos). Alicia de Edwyneshull (iii pullos). Willelmus Underwode similiter (ii d.). Ideo in misericordia. (Thomas de Hulle *struck out*).

Misericordia. Adam de la Grene in misericordia pro fossato non purgato.² Plegius Ricardus de Edwyneshull.

¹ Clement Tandy took the radishes which Friar Richard bought of W. of Westley. Note the fines in chickens. They would be plentiful in May.

² Adam had not cleared out his ditch.

A GLOSSARY

OF SOME OF THE WORDS AND TERMS.

Authorities quoted: DuCange; Godefroy's *Lexique de l'ancien Français*; Halliwell's *Dict. of Archaic and Provincial Words*; Jacob's *Law Dict.*; Martin's *Record Interpreter*; and the *Shorter Oxford Dict.*

Abere for habere

Acopiare, ? *for capere*—arrest *or* *acopare*, *q.v.* 34.

Aculpare, *acopare*, *acupare*—blame or charge with. 17, 138, 152

Adducere—take home (from the pound). 51.

Advocare, *advoare*—avow or acknowledge. 119, 146

Advocatio—protection. 59

Affere for auferre—take away. 54, 55.

Affidavit is frequently written against the *essoins*. Does it mean that the person who brought the apology for absence guaranteed its genuineness, or that the principal did so afterwards? 2, 12, 46*n.* See *optulit* and *warrantizavit*.

Affrus—Ox or horse for farm work; usually a horse (Martin). 123.

Agistare—to levy. 169, 171.

Agistamentum—payment for pasturing. 147

Alagamentum for amalgamentum—a common or joint possession. 158.

Alneta—alder grove. 113, 118, 154; tree, 143.

Amerciamentum—a fine. When the court had found a person guilty he was said to be at the mercy of the lord, *i.e.*, liable to a fine, *à-merci-ament*.

Amoris. See *dies*.

Angaria (service to a lord) *used for angor*—doubt. 101.

Aparcamentum—the impounding of animals found trespassing. *Aparcamentum frangere*, “to break pound,” *i.e.*, to take one's animals away without leave or payment. 38.

Aper domini—the lord's boar, kept for general use. 84, 85.

Apparitor—a messenger that serves the process of the spiritual court, cites, arrests, and executes sentence (Jacob). 167.

Apparentia—an appearance at court, = suit of court. 161.

Aramiare for adramire—promise or pledge. 100.

Arationare, *rationare*—call to account, admonish. 124, 146, 177, 184

Arbiter—arbitrator. 74.

Arenda—profits or rent from land. 19.

Aretro—in arrear. 154; past, expired, 11. See Jacob. Entry *ad terminum qui preterit*.

- Arreragia—arrears of rent or service. 64, 67, 68.
 Arrura—ploughing, especially for the lord. 166.
 Artare—to narrow (a road by ploughing). 156.
 Ascapiare—to escape. 35.
 Ascer *for* acer—maple. 143.
 Assatare—to clear land for cultivation. 108.
 Assisa—assize (of Bread and Beer).
 Assise—of assize=fixed, e.g. *Redditus assise*, “a fixed rent.”
 Astopiare—to stop or block a way. 14.
 Attachiare, attachiamentum—arrest. 5, 45.
 Attagium—the fastening (of a net, 35).
 Attornatus—attorney, a person empowered to act for another. 55.
 Avena—oats.
 Averagium—a tenant's service to the lord with his animals (*servicium quod averiis agit domino*). 67, 149.
 Averia—animals, especially those used for farm work. Trespass by them was frequent. 65, 158, 162.

 Ballivus—bailiff.
 Baxstere—baker. 155.
 Bedellus, budellus—Beadle.
 Belawe—a minor local court. 129.
 Bercarius, le Bercher—shepherd. 141, 162.
 Bladum—corn.
 Bleto—a young oak. 122. *See* Du Cange, *Bletonata*.
 Bosci custos—woodward. 117.
 Boveta—oxgang. 8, 33. *See* Virgate.
 Boviculus—a young bullock. 123.
 Braciare—to brew. 18, 57.
 Breve—a writ. 34, 46.
 Bruera—a heath.
 Bunda—boundary mark. 150.
 Busca—underwood, firewood, 171, 177.
 Buttum—A strip of land that abuts on a boundary at right angles or abruptly meets others (Seeböhm, *Eng. Vill. Com.*, p. 6), the headland of a field. 186.

 Calciamenta—shoes. 52.
 Calumpniare—to challenge, disallow. 61, 91, 118.
 Capicium, capucium—a hood. 129, 130.
 Captare—take (arrest) or take in (give lodging to). 169.
 Carecta, careta—cart load. 77.
 Carectarius—carter. 128.
 Cellarer—an official of the abbey who looked after stores, servants, repairs and estates. He was the steward of the manor and kept the court.

- Cespes—turf. *Fodere cespites*, to dig turf. 178.
 Cespitare—to turf (land). 178.
 Ciroteca—glove. 183.
 Claudus—lame. 50.
 Claustra—the hurdling or rails for closing gaps, or possibly the ties used in laying a hedge. 128.
 Clausum—a close, enclosed ground. 147.
 Comedere—to graze. 170.
 Commodum—convenience, in the sense of business of or work for. 72.
 Communia—rights of common of pasture. 179, 183.
 Communi, de—in *essoins* means from a common or ordinary suit of court.
 Compurgator—a backer or “hand” in compurgation. A man charged with an offence might clear himself by swearing he was innocent, and bringing several compurgators to swear that they believed him to be so. 143, 144.
 Concelamentum, concelatio—failing to present in the court an offence of which a township was aware. 86, 89, 116.
 Conservatio *used for* consideratio. 101.
 Contemptus, contentus—contempt of court or of the lord. 63, 143.
 Convicium—abusive language. 85.
 Costerellum—drinking cup. 104.
 Creppus—crop. Land was sometimes let for a term of so many crops. 121, 166.
 Cuminum—cummin. Used as a sort of curry powder. 179.
 Curia—court; *also* courtyard (110, A. 369 n 1) and either a house of the Abbot’s (where there was a pound) or the area of his court’s jurisdiction. 33.
 Curiam trahere—used of the party against whom judgment went, and seems to mean to be responsible to the court for the penalty. A woman, her son and her servant are found guilty, and she *trahit curiam pro omnibus*. 125. *See also* 113, 130, 131, 133.
 Curtilagium—curtilage, a small enclosure round a dwelling house.
 Custos—guardian (of every kind). Used for Steward. 167.
- Dedicere—to gainsay, contradict. 114.
 Defalta—default by non-attendance at court or any other failure to render what is due.
 Defendere—deny an accusation, etc. 6.
 Defensio, defensum—a forbidding. 76, 168.
 Deflorata per lerwyte. 155. *See* lerwyte.
 Deforciare—to oust or wrongfully withhold. 54, 164.
 Despectus, desspectus, dispectus—despite, a shewing of want of respect. 5, 78, 161.
 Dies—a day’s work, especially for the lord. 55, 129, 166.

- Dies amoris** (*or* *ad concordandum*, 121)—Parties at variance were given a day to meet and be reconciled. To assist as mediators was one of the services required of tenants. 168.
- Dies datus** *or* *diem habere*—a day appointed for the settling or continuation of a case. 134.
- Dies visus**—a day for viewing land in dispute. 42.
- Sine die**—when a party had won his case he left the court without a day for coming again. 17, 19, 70, 85.
- Dieta**—a day's work. 53.
- Diurna**—as much land as can be ploughed in a day. 100.
- Dimissio**—a grant (of land). 91.
- Districtio**—the taking of a thing in distraint or the thing taken.
- Distringere**—to distrain, *i.e.*, to take a person's goods in pledge for his appearance at court or performance of some due.
- Dominicum**—demesne, the lord's land. 181.
- Dos**—dower, widow's portion. 50, 116, 173, 182.
- Emenda**—amends. 13, 41.
- Enarrius**—brassworker.
- Eretagium** *for* *heretagium*—heritage. 2.
- Essendi**—of being (gerundive of *esse*). 150.
- Essonia**—essoins, an apology for non-attendance. 69-70.
- Essoniatur**—the person who brought the essoin.
- Estrica**—a strike. ? a bushel. "A dry measure varying in different districts from a half to four bushels." O.E.D.
- Excambium**, *escambium*, *exambium*—exchange. 172, 111, 118.
- Excussum** *used for* *excursum*—attack. 40.
- Exheredatio**—disherison. 20.
- Exhonorare**—? to remove or open the fence of pasture land. 167.
- Exoposito**—opposite. 100.
- Expleta**—explees, *i.e.*, profits or produce from land. 6, 7.
- Extraneus**—outside. Used both of persons not belonging to the manor (159), and of land not belonging to a man's holding. 178.
- Faber**—smith.
- Fabrica**—smithy. 25.
- Falcare**—to mow (hay). 179.
- Falcatio**—mowing. 180.
- Familia**—household. 186.
- Famulus**, *famula*—servant. 32, 40.
- Feoditas**=*fidelitas*—fealty. 178.
- Filiaster**—son-in-law or stepson or nephew—47, 50.
- Finis**—a fine, usually a payment for some privilege, *e.g.*, to be excused serving as Reeve, 73; for a manumission, 78, 103; for coming and going on the lord's land, 78; for admission to a tenement, 82, 156.

The genesis of its meaning as equivalent to *misericordia* or *amercia-mentum*, a penalty for an offence, appears in *fecit finem cum domino . . . pro ii solidis*, "he made an end of the matter with the lord for two shillings" (17). Out of 50 times, only in 11 has it the meaning of penalty, and only once is it exactly the fine on entry so common in later records (174).

Forestarius=woodward. 84.

Forinsecus—outside the manor. 91, 124.

Fossatum—anything dug, a bank. 22 n., 24; a ditch, 188.

Frankelēyn—a freeholder. 5.

Fraxinus—ash tree. 187.

Fugare—to drive (cattle). 17, 36. *Fugationem facere de* (22, 24) has the same meaning.

Fugator—a driver (of a plough). 122.

Galo—a gallon. 86.

Garba—a sheaf (of corn). 116.

Garcio—a serving man. 57.

Gestio honesta—good behaviour. 78.

Grangia—a farmstead belonging to the lord of the manor. 126, 186; granary, 154.

Haya, haiha, hesa—a hedge or fence. 37, 90, 123, 148, 167, 43, 148.

Heriotum, herietum—heriot, the best beast or goods due to the lord on the death of a tenant.

Hersura—harrowing. 166.

Heye—an enclosure. 55.

Hospitare, ospitare—to harbour or give lodging to, especially used of strangers and undesirables. 118, 128, 157, 169.

Hostium *for* ostium—a door. 22.

Huntagium—shame, from O.F. hontage—affront, déshonneur, approbe, etc. (Godefroy). 100. *See* Pudor.

Hutesium, huthesium, huteseya (usually joined with clamor), Hu and cri, 61.—Hue and Cry, outcry calling for the pursuit of a felon. O.E.D. 40.

Imparcare—to put in the pound. 159.

Impedimentum—damage or injury to the person. 186

Implacitare—to implead, bring a case against. 84.

Incescio *for* intercessio—intercession. 2.

Inculpare—to bring a charge against. 146.

Incusare—to accuse. 181.

Iniuria—wrong doing. A hue and cry was said to be *ad iniuriam* of the person in fault, who is sometimes said *habere iniuriam*.

Inparcamentum—the payment for the release of beasts from the pound. 126, 128.

Instrumenta—writings or deeds. 82.

Intrmittere—to interfere with. 165.

Invadiare—to pledge. 158.

Inventio—finding of lost property. 124, 129.

Iter—the eyre or circuit (of justices). 141.

Kydiere—Huckster (Halliwell) or Faggot maker (Kidd = faggot, Parl. Surv. of D. and C. Lands. W.H.S., p. 57). 65-66.

Legalis homo or vir—a man who stands right with the law, *i.e.*, not outlawed, excommunicate or infamous. 73, 79, 91.

Legem vadiare—to pledge one's law, *i.e.*, to undertake to prove oneself in the right. 5, 6, 12.

Legem facere—to succeed in doing so. 8, 45.

Deficere in lege—to fail to do so. 9, 21.

Ad legem—at law. 58.

Lerwyte, leyrwite, lecherwyte (155)—fornication by a "nativa" or the correction of it. 62, 79, 82.

Leye—a clearing in woodland.

Ligia—lawful. 54.

Lincheamen—lamp. 101.

Loquela—a plea or suit. 22.

Luminare—Altar or sanctuary light. 30.

Manucapere—to mainprize (take by the hand and be responsible for) only differs from *plegiare* (to pledge) in that *nativi* (villeins) had to find mainpernors (*manuaptores*) whereas free men found *plegios*. See A. 567 u., and p. 174 of this vol.

Manuoperare—to work (land). 95.

Manupastus—a domestic servant.

Manus—For compurgation a man had to come with so many hands or backers, *e.g.*, *cum sexta manu*, 8, 58; *cum secunda manu*, 165.

Maritare—give in marriage. 48, 51.

Marlera—Marl pit. 25.

Marliare—to put marl on land. 166.

Medietas—moiety or half.

Mensa—If a man working for the lord was given his meals he was said to work *ad mensam domini*, and, if not, *ad mensam propriam*. 178, 179.

Merchetum, marchetum—merchet, the payment made to the lord on the marriage of a bond woman. 51.

Messura—harvesting. 178.

Meremium—timber. 94.

Minare—to drive away. 85.

Mirpis or mirpus is evidently a domestic animal of some sort, but what sort I cannot find out. 119, 123

Misericordia—A person found guilty was *in misericordia domini* and liable to a fine. The word is used generally for a fine. See Amerciament.

Molendinum—a mill.

Molere—to grind corn. 71.

Multrum *for* multo—wether. 8.

Multura—multure, the percentage retained for the grinding of corn. 68.

Munimenta—muniments, writings, deeds. 184.

Munio *used for* moneo—to summon. 119, 150, 181.

Namiare—to distrain. 54.

Namium, namya—a thing taken in distraint. 22, 35.

Narrare—to state one's case in court. 42, 65.

Nativus, nativa—a person of villein status.

Noctari—to come by night. 22.

Nocius *for* nocuus—dangerous. 129, 131.

Nova terra—newly cleared land. 11.

Noverca—a step-mother. 173.

Obolus—a halfpenny.

Operatio—work for another. 145.

Optulit—He offered himself. Often written against essoins, and sometimes evidently a later addition. It seems to mean that the person who sent the excuse appeared afterwards to guarantee it, and to be equivalent to *warrantizavit* used similarly—q.v.

Oretenus—by word of mouth. 181.

Pacare—to pay. 169.

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Potellum—a pottle. A measure of capacity for liquids equal to half a gallon. O.E.D. 86.

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Prepositus—Reeve, the man who had the oversight of the tenants' farming operations.

Pudor—shame. For some offences a claim was made of so much for damages and so much for shame. 29, 61. *See also* Huntagium.

Pullanus—a foal.

Purprestura, porprestura—encroachment. 14, 36, 41, 167, 168.

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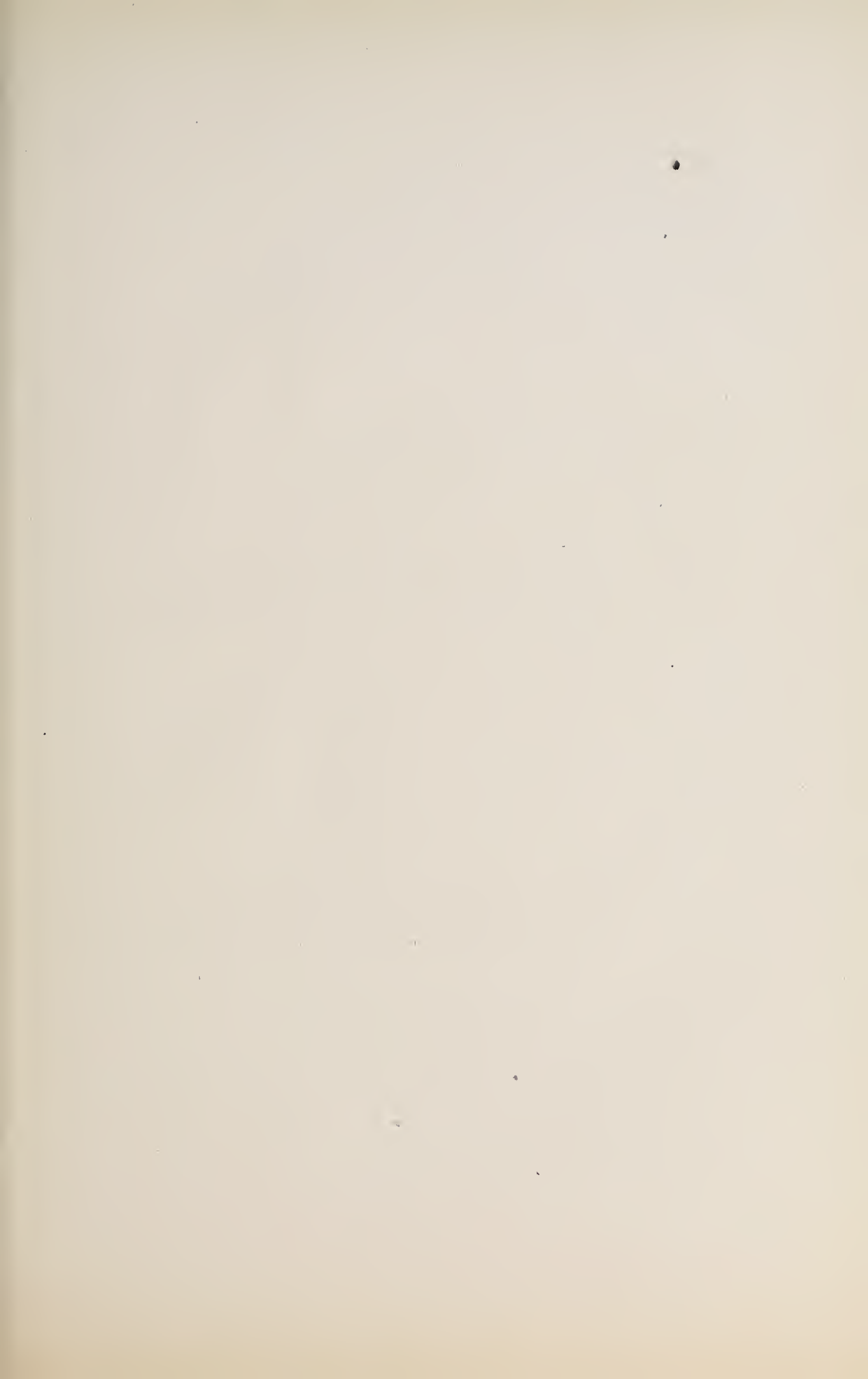
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